



Office of International Services

OIS International Scholar Newsletter- November 2025

This newsletter is a channel for the JHU Office of International Services (OIS) to share timely immigration-related reminders, as well as relevant resources and updates with our International Scholar community. Visit the OIS website for more information about our services and how to connect with our office: <https://ois.jhu.edu>.

OIS Services and Advising

The OIS is a virtual service operation that supports our international scholars via electronic means. To quickly connect with a J-1 Scholar advisor, remember to use our dedicated service account: J1-Advising@jhu.edu. You can also refer to the OIS website for information related to your [J-1 immigration status](#).

Immigration Policy Updates

We encourage you to continue to check the OIS website for [Recent Federal Immigration Actions](#), as well as our [Immigration Policy Information and Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage. If there are any updates relevant to our international community, we will post them here.

OIS would like to take this opportunity to ensure that our international clientele knows they are welcome here and will be supported as a vital part of the JHU family.

Travel Information

When considering travel, keep in mind that changes can occur at any time. If you cannot afford an interruption in your academic program due to an indefinite period abroad, you should carefully consider the need to travel

outside the U.S. If you choose to travel, carefully review the '[Travel Information](#)' section of the OIS website and prepare the appropriate documentation before departing the U.S.

- J-1 Scholars who need a travel signature must request one at least 10 business days in advance of travel. You must submit the “Travel Signature/DS-2019 Reprint” eForm in iHopkins under the J-1 Scholar Services section.
- Review your I-94 record when you re-enter the U.S., ensuring it reflects the correct class of admission (“J-1”), date of admission, and admit-until date (“D/S” for J-1 Scholars).
 - Retrieve your electronic I-94 [here](#), print a copy, and carry it with you, as required by immigration law. If your I-94 contains incorrect information, email OIS for guidance on correcting it.

***Note** - Your J-1 visa can expire while you are in the U.S. as long as your DS-2019 remains valid. You do not required to make a special trip abroad for the sole purpose of visa renewal.

Announcements

Throughout the fall semester, OIS will be offering a series of workshops designed for our international clientele. A number of workshops will provide information and resources for J-1 Scholars at JHU. All workshops will be posted on our [website](#) with a link to register. (Recordings will also be made available [here](#) after each workshop).

The upcoming November and December workshops are highlighted below:

- **J-1 Exchange Visitor Travel Workshop**
- Virtual presentation to assist J-1 Exchange Visitors in preparing for travel, including information about departure and re-entry to the U.S., visa renewal, travel documentation and other international travel considerations.
 - When: Thursday, December 4th from 12:15-1 p.m.
 - Where: Virtual presentation (Zoom)

- Register here:

https://jh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6Ksuo2JkQw2_pi4D-3cmxQ

- **U.S. Immigration & Employment Options**

- In partnership with an external immigration attorney, OIS will be hosting a virtual workshop for international students, scholars, and professionals to explore various immigration and employment options like U.S. permanent residency and transitioning from F-1 or J-1 to H-1B.

- When: Tuesday, November 18th from 4-5 p.m.

- Where: Virtual presentation (Zoom)

- Register here:

https://jh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KKU1FUj2RtS3AzkD0f074A

J-1 Scholar Reminders

- **Maintaining J-1 Status:** J-1 Exchange Visitors should be aware of the requirements of [Maintaining J-1 Status](#). A few important highlights include the need to notify OIS of the following:
 - **Address Reporting:** J-1 Scholars must report their local U.S. address directly to OIS within 10 days of a change: [J-1 Scholar Address Reporting](#)
 - **Participation Requirements:** J-1 programs must take place within the U.S., and primarily in-person at the approved activity site(s), as listed in section 1 of the form DS-2019. *Virtual or fully remote exchange programs are not permitted.*
 - **J-1 Program Changes:** Contact OIS in the event of any changes in the conditions of a J-1 Exchange Visitor's program (including a change in faculty sponsor, change of lab, change of department, change in title or responsibilities, change in work location, etc.)
 - **Early Completion:** J-1 Scholars planning to complete their J-1 program more than *15 days prior to the end date* on their

DS-2019 form should notify OIS by submitting the J-1 End of Program/Departure Information eForm in iHopkins.

- **Change of Status:** J-1 Scholars planning to change to a different U.S. immigration status should notify OIS for further advising.

Events & Resources

International Education week (IEW) from November 17th-21st, 2025 is a nationally recognized celebration held each November that highlights the impact of global learning and cultural exchange. For over 25 years, IEW has brought schools and institutions together to showcase the people, programs, and stories that connect us across borders. At JHU, the Office of International Services (OIS) proudly supports and celebrates IEW by hosting events, sharing international student and scholar stories and experiences, and creating spaces for meaningful conversations about global citizenship. Check out [International Education Week](#) information and events on our website.

Celebrate the holiday season by visiting the Christmas Village in Baltimore! From November 22nd through December 24th, this authentic German Christmas market will be open at the Baltimore Inner Harbor offering activities, rides, shopping, food and beverages. Click here for [more information](#).

For other upcoming Johns Hopkins events and activities on campus, check out the [JHU Events](#) page!

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