Office of International Student Services (OISS)

Immigration Information Sessions
Spring 2010

The Office of International Student Services (OISS) invites all students in F-1 and J-1 immigration status to attend the following Immigration Information Sessions which are planned especially for you this semester. We hope you find these sessions beneficial to your stay in the U.S., & we look forward to seeing you this Spring!

► F-1 Student Optional Practical Training

Employment Benefit

(Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to apply for OPT this Spring.)

- Friday, February 12, 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Friday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Thursday, April 22, 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

All F-1 students who are planning to apply for OPT this Spring must attend one of these three sessions where OPT applications will be distributed and the application process will be explained. F-1 students cannot apply for OPT this spring without first attending one of these three sessions. (August graduates should attend one of the OPT sessions which will be offered during the summer months.) For students who are graduating in May, the OPT applications cannot be submitted more than 90 days prior to the semester Term End date of May 2, 2010. In addition, your OPT application must be received by the USCIS within 60 days of your Term End date, so please plan accordingly. Sessions will start on time, so please do not be late. Attendance will be taken. (Details about OPT can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/lss/employment.cfm)

► Overview of Employment Rules & Options for F-1 Students

- Friday, February 19, 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

Employment is considered to be the rendering of services for compensation—financial or other. Working in the U.S. without proper authorization, and/or for more hours than permitted, are serious violations of the F-1 status which can lead to severe consequences, such as deportation. All F-1 international students who are considering employment in the U.S. are encouraged to attend this session, which will cover the five types of employment options available to them as well as the rules and regulations for working in the U.S. If you are interested in working in the U.S. we look forward to seeing you at this session! Special Note: Self-employment is not permitted for F-1 students, and F-2 dependents are not permitted to work in the U.S. under any circumstances. (Details about F-1 student Employment Options can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/lss/employment.cfm)

► F-1 Student Curricular Practical Training

Employment Benefit

(Mandatory for all F-1 students who plan to do a required academic internship during the Spring or Summer 2010 terms.)

- Friday, March 12, 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center
- Thursday, April 15, 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

All F-1 students who plan to do a mandatory academic internship during the Spring or Summer 2010 semesters are required to attend one of these two CPT sessions this spring before the OISS can process their CPT application. CPT is explained, the application process is discussed, and the CPT applications are distributed at this session. Sessions will start on time, so please do not be late. Attendance will be taken. (Details about CPT can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/lss/employment.cfm)

► J-1 Student Academic Training Employment Benefit

(Mandatory for all J-1 students who plan to apply for AT this Spring.)

- Friday, March 26, 12:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Room 252, Student Center

J-1 students with DS-2019s who are planning to apply for Academic Training (AT) in the Spring term are required to attend this session. Other J-1 students who are interested in learning about the Academic Training employment benefit are invited to attend this session as well. Applications will be distributed and the process explained. Attendance will be taken, so please arrive on time. (Details about AT can be found here: http://www.regent.edu/admin/stusrv/lss/employment.cfm)