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May 2018 Immigration and Programs Newsletter

On-Campus Employment Reminders
If you plan to work on campus, please familiarize yourself with the rules and requirements for on-campus employment for F-1 and J-1 students by reviewing OIS’s page on On-Campus Employment. In addition, please note the following information regarding summer on-campus employment:

- International students are limited to 20 hours per week of on-campus employment during the semester. However, it is possible for students to exceed the 20 hours per week limitation during official school breaks such as summer break, if summer break is considered a student’s “vacation” term. Provided that summer is not your first or last semester and you were enrolled in Spring, and will enroll in Fall, Summer is considered a vacation term and you are eligible to work more than 20 hours per week on campus during the summer.
- Each Spring semester, students ask “What days during the summer can I work more than 20 hours per week?” OIS’s response to this is as follows:
  - Official Summer Break Dates: The summer break begins the day after Spring graduation and ends the day before Fall classes start. From an immigration perspective, students may work more than 20 hours per week during this entire period (again, only if Summer is an official vacation term for the student - see previous bullet point).
  - Practical Considerations: One tricky aspect of summer on-campus employment is how the university’s work week (which runs Saturday - Friday) aligns with the beginning and end of summer break. Usually the first few days of summer break occur during a university work week that began during the Spring semester and the last few days of the summer break occur during a university work week that goes into the beginning of the Fall semester. Thus, if the student works more than 20 hours during the first or last week of the summer break, it may appear that s/he exceeded 20 hours while school was in session. While technically it is not an immigration violation to work more than 20 hours per week during the first and last week of summer break (and OIS would not terminate a student for doing so), students should be aware that it may be something the student would have to explain if asked when applying for future immigration benefits. Students should take this into consideration when deciding when to increase their weekly hours for summer.
  - OIS Recommendation: From a conservative perspective OIS recommends that students refrain from working more than 20 hours per week until the first full university work week after Spring graduation and restrict themselves to 20 hours during the university work week that covers the partial week of classes ends on the Friday after Fall classes have begun.

Travel Reminders
If you plan to travel over the summer break and re-enter the U.S. in your F-1 or J-1 status, please review OIS’s page on Traveling While on a Visa to learn what documents to carry with you when you travel. As a reminder, you must always have a valid travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 in order to travel abroad (including cruises and trips to the Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean) and re-enter the U.S. If you need a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019, you can drop your request off at your convenience during regular office hours. The request must include the Travel Endorsement Request Form (which can also be completed at our office) and your most recently issued I-20 or DS-2019 (must be the original, physical document). OIS needs up to 5 business days to process your travel signature and cannot issue same day signatures so please plan ahead.
Summer 2018 Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
OIS is currently accepting Summer Curricular Practical Training (CPT) applications. Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is a type of employment authorization used by students in F-1 status who wish or need to engage in off-campus employment in their field of study when it is a required component of their curriculum, integral to their thesis or dissertation research, or part of a cooperative education program in their field of study. Students should begin the CPT process by reviewing OIS’s webpage on CPT for information on eligibility requirements, application process, and other important information. As a reminder - all international students must receive written authorization from OIS prior to beginning work at an off-campus location or receiving payment for employment from an entity other than NC State.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) and Academic Training
If you are graduating in Spring or Summer 2018 and have not yet applied for OPT (for F-1 students) or Academic Training (for J-1 students), now is the time to start this process. OPT takes at least 90 days for USCIS to approve and additional time is needed to request an I-20 through OIS and receive the employment authorization document in the mail. Review OIS’s page on Optional Practical Training for further information. J-1 students must obtain a job offer in order for OIS to authorize Academic Training. The Academic Training opportunity must begin within 30 days of the student’s program completion date as noted on the DS-2019. For more information, review OIS’s page on Academic Training.

OIS Summer Hours Reminders
OIS remains open for our normal business hours (Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm) during the summer. Due to lower student demand and traffic, open advising hours are held in the afternoons only during the months of June and July. Advisors continue to remain available to meet with students throughout the week (except Wednesdays) if students are not able to attend walk-in hours due to schedule conflicts or for the purpose of discussing a more complex issue.

Enrollment Reminders
If Summer or Fall will be your final semester: You may enroll in less than full-time with approval from OIS. Please note however that you cannot enroll in a single DE class as your only class even if it is the only class you need to complete your program. Consult with your academic advisor to check whether the course load for which you have registered constitutes less than full-time enrollment (Summer enrollment counts differently than Spring and Fall enrollment) and submit a Final Semester RCL to OIS if your enrollment is less than full-time. Visit OIS’s page on Enrollment for more information about enrollment rules for F and J students.

If Fall will NOT be your final semester: You must enroll full-time unless you qualify for a reduced course load on a medical or academic basis. F-1 students only can use 1 online or distance education class to count towards full-time enrollment. Visit OIS’s page on Enrollment for more information on enrollment rules for F and J students.
Durham Bulls Game

Come out to a baseball game with OIS! We will be going to the Durham Bulls (Minor League Professional Baseball League and the Champion of 2017) game against the Gwinnett Stripers on June 14th at 7:05 pm. Tickets are $12 per person for section 207 (covered seating) and $10 for section 209. If you would like to request a ticket and a transportation by June 7th via Google form. To fill out this form and Facebook event.