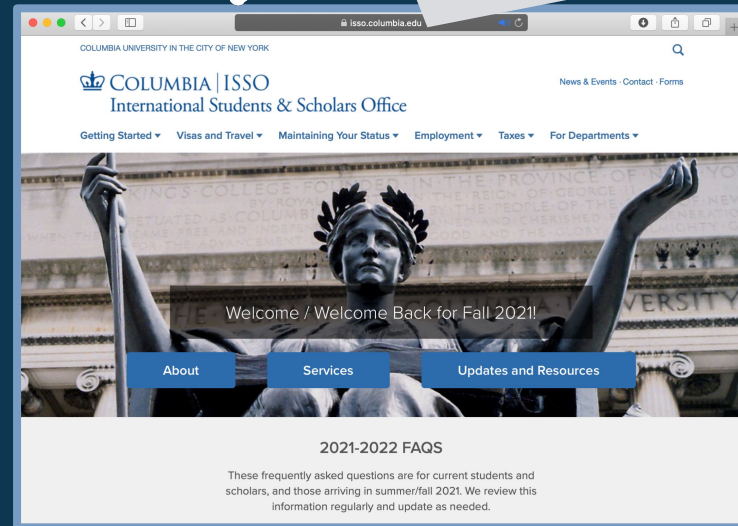


Welcome! We will be starting shortly.

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F-1 and J-1 visas

Top U.S. institutions
hosting international
students

The ISSO is *your* immigration resource

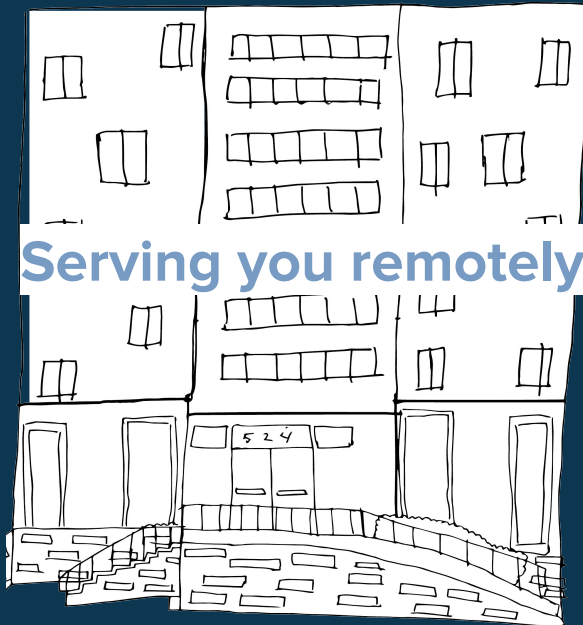
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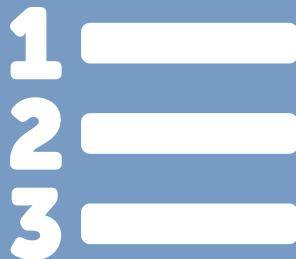
Let's talk about **YOUR** Columbia journey



Today



Check In
(Report Your Arrival)

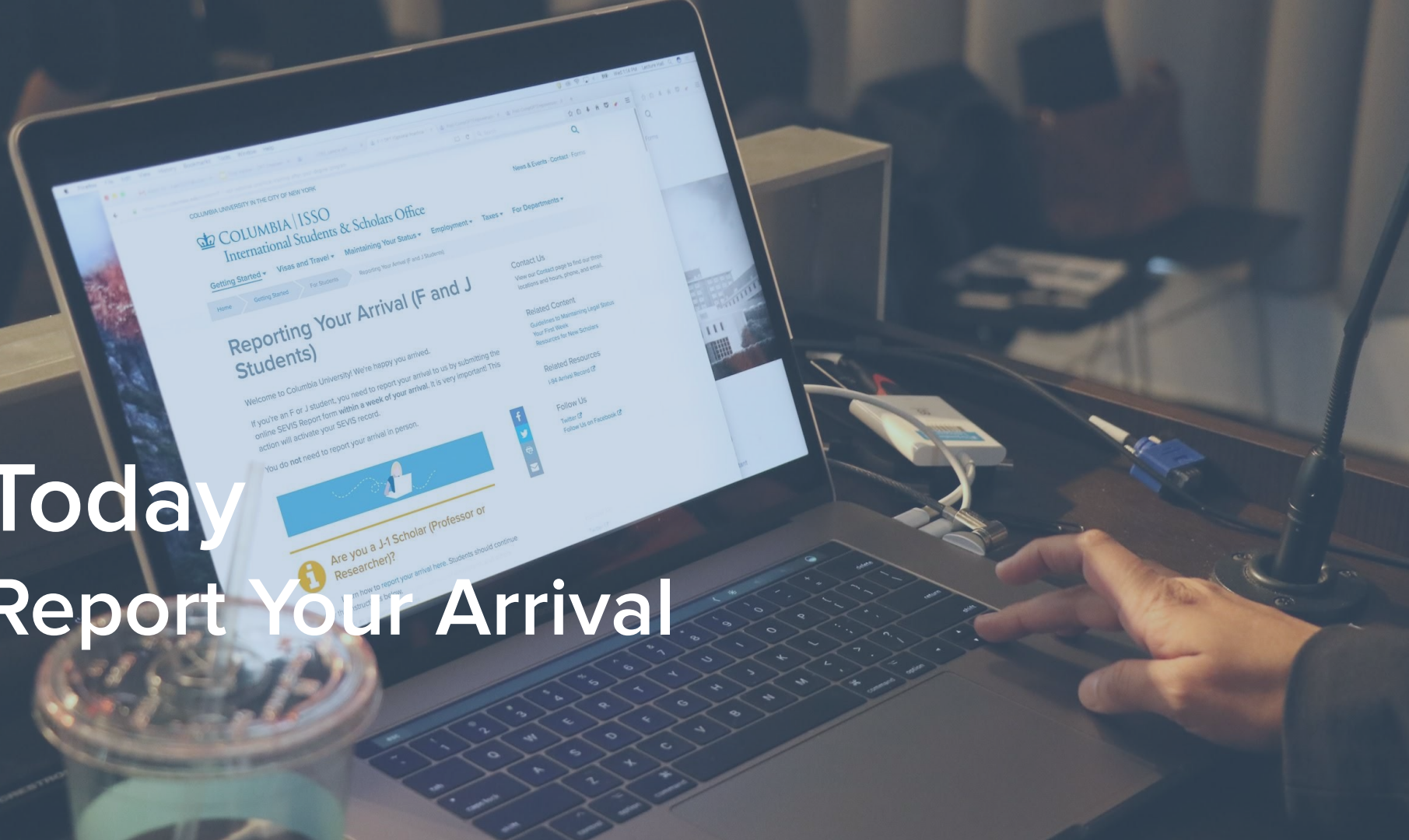


Register Full Time



On Campus
Employment

Today Report Your Arrival




Am I allowed to arrive within 30 days from the start date on the I-20/DS-2019?

If you are not able to arrive within 30 days:

- **Contact your school to let them know your plans**
- **Notify the ISSO by emailing newintlstudent@columbia.edu.**

Have you reported your arrival?

It's easy



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F-1 SEVIS Report Form

Refer to our webpage on [Reporting Your First Arrival](#) for eligibility criteria and a description of the documents you will need to complete this form.

YOUR U.S. RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

This must be where you are currently staying in the United States.

If it is temporary, such as a hotel, a friend's or relative's home, please enter it here. When you move to another address, you will need to [update your U.S. address](#) within 10 days of moving.

Please enter your address without using any punctuation, such as commas or periods, and follow the examples below.

Street Address Line 1 *

Building Number and Street Name (Example: 420 W 119th St)

Street Address Line 2

Apartment or Room Number (Example: Apt 10A)

City *

(Example: New York, Brooklyn, Elmhurst, Flushing)

State *

Zip Code *

5-digit U.S. postal code. If you need to look up your Zip Code, type your address into [Google Maps](#).

U.S. Phone Number

It's quick
(no more than
10 mins)

It's important

Arrival Record

Most Recent I-94

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Securing America's Borders

OMB No. 1651-0111
Expiration Date:

Status →

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 123456789
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2016 August 14
Admission: P1
Admit Until Date: D/S ← **D/S**
Details provided on the I-94 information form:

Last Name: Roxy
First (Given) Name: Lim
Birth Date: 1784 September 21
Passport Number: 123456789
Country of Issuance: Columbia

[Get Travel History](#)

Effective April 26, 2013, CBP began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(a)(5).

If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional relevant documents requested by that employer or agency.

Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

If you require an additional record of your I-94, please click here
Admission/Entry/Travel Police

<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/record/123456789>

or

Departure Number

OMB No. 1651-0111

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I-94
Depart

Status →

ADMITTED
JUN 9 2008
F1
D/S ← **D/S**

14. Family Name
STUDENT

15. First (Given) Name
Example

16. Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr)
09/06/82

17. Country of Citizenship
COLUMBIA

CBP Form I-94 (10/04)
STAPLE HERE

See Other Side



Electronic I-94 Record
<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94>



Paper I-94 card

Duration of Status



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The length of your full-time program as indicated on your COE (unless you finish earlier)

Any period of F-1 or J-1 authorized employment following completion of your program

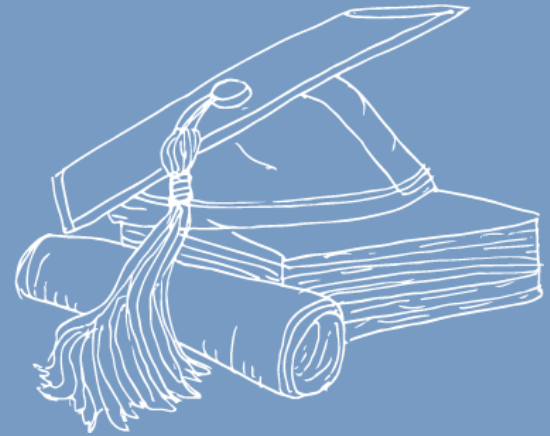
Register Full Time

- Courses are held **on-campus**
- Online classes:
 - You can count only **ONE** online class toward your minimum number of credits required for your full-time enrollment.



F-1 and J-1 Visa Regulations

1. Make normal academic progress toward degree
2. Full-time course load every semester





- Time to address any application problems
- Ready to start employment with E&O
- Making address is more relative



...months
...there's a problem
...CPT will start

On-Campus Employment

On-Campus Employment

1. Work done for and paid by a Columbia office or department
2. Immediately eligible
3. **Part-time:** Up to 20 hours per week during school year
4. **Full-time:** Vacation periods during program of study



‘Today’ Recap

- Report your arrival**
Complete within 7 days
- Be sure to register full-time**
- You can work on-campus**
Go for it! Just be sure not to work more than 20 hours during the semester

Tomorrow



Off-Campus
Employment



Travel



Changes to your
program

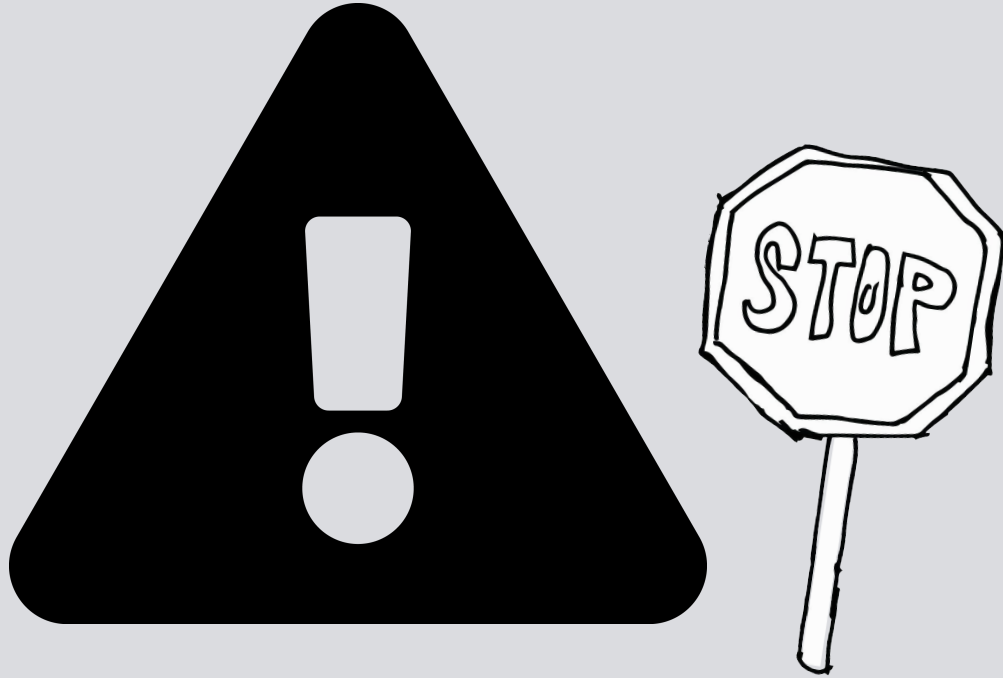
A photograph of two men in a professional setting, likely a conference or seminar. The man on the left, wearing a grey beanie, glasses, and a dark sweater, is listening intently with his hand near his chin. The man on the right, with a beard and glasses, is speaking and gesturing with his hand. A microphone stands between them. In the background, a yellow banner with text is visible. The text on the banner includes "ers, improve the user experience and require" and "University's use of cookies and similar techn".

Employment Eligibility

**Can international
students work in the U.S.
off-campus?**



Authorization must come first



Off-Campus Employment Eligibility

End of 1st
Semester

End of 2nd
Semester

J-1

F-1

You must be physically present in the US

Types of Off-Campus Employment

F-1

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graph TD; F1[F-1] --- CPT[CPT - Curricular Practical Training]; F1 --- OPT[OPT - Optional Practical Training]; J1[J-1] --- AT[AT - Academic Training];
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The diagram illustrates the types of off-campus employment available to international students. It is organized into two main categories: F-1 and J-1. F-1 students are eligible for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT). J-1 students are eligible for Academic Training (AT). The F-1 category is represented by a bracket connecting it to the CPT and OPT boxes. The J-1 category is represented by a bracket connecting it to the AT box.

CPT -
Curricular Practical
Training

OPT -
Optional
Practical Training

AT -
Academic Training

F-1 CPT - Curricular Practical Training



Fulfills a requirement or
elective towards your
degree completion



During degree

F-1 OPT - Optional Practical Training



Optional



Limited to 12 months
per degree level



During and/or after degree

CPT or OPT

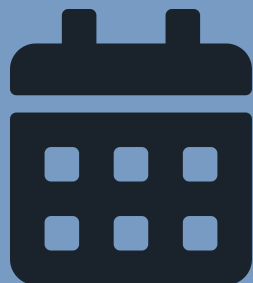
You will be eligible for CPT or OPT after two consecutive full-time semesters in the U.S. in F-1 status

- Some transfer students may be immediately eligible
- The application process is online
- Not all programs have CPT as part of the curriculum

F-1 STEM OPT Extension



Optional



Government-designated list
of Science, Technology,
Engineering and
Mathematics (STEM) fields

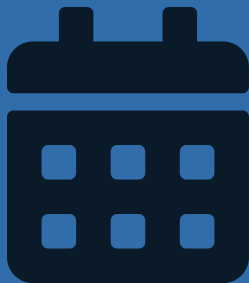


After degree /
Currently in your initial
period of post-completion
OPT

J-1 Academic Training (AT)



Optional



Limited to time spent in
J status (18 months max,
36 months if doctoral
level)



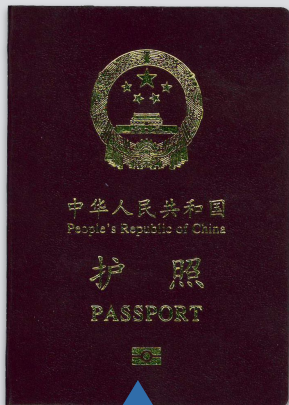
During and/or after degree

A photograph of a group of people in a meeting. In the foreground, the back of a person's head and shoulders are visible, wearing a red shirt. To their right, a woman with dark curly hair and a nose ring is looking towards them, wearing a dark blazer and a name tag. In the background, another person in a dark jacket is seated at the table. On the table, there is a white and brown coffee cup, a smartphone, and some papers.

Tomorrow
Travel

Bring when you travel

F-2 and J-2 dependents must carry their own documents



**Unexpired
Passport
Valid 6 months into
the future**



**Unexpired F-1 or
J-1 entry visa
Valid for further
entries (except
Canadians)**

**Unexpired
I-20/DS-2019
With a valid travel
signature (page 2)**

Entry Visa

Used only for requesting entry into the U.S.

Expiration Date

**You may have
different visa
expiration dates -
this is ok!**

**If your visa expires,
you can still
continue studying**



Can only be renewed outside the U.S.



Tomorrow

Any unforeseen changes to your
enrollment or program end date

I have a personal medical issue and I am not able to register full time. What do I need to do?



Contact the ISSO

We can authorize a drop below full-time if it is recommended by :

- a healthcare professional **and**
- your academic department



What happens if I
graduate early or if I need
more time to complete
my program?



Contact the ISSO

We need to update your program end date

F-1

J-1

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038
SEVIS ID: N0004705512		
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith	GIVEN NAME John	CLASS F-1
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1980	ADMISSION NUMBER	
SCHOOL INFORMATION		
SCHOOL NAME SEVIS School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Rita Feet International Scholar Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE BAL214744444000 03 APRIL 2015	
PROGRAM OF STUDY		
EDUCATION LEVEL MASTER'S	MAJOR 1 Economics, General 45.0601	MAJOR 2 None
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 72 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY None	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY None
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2021	
FINANCIALS		
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		

Program
End Date

U.S. Department of State					OMB APPROVAL NO. 0731/2014 ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min *See Page 2
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS					
1. Family Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	Gender:	NO:	
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy):	City of Birth:	Country of Birth:	Citizenship Country Code:	Citizenship Country:	
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code:	Legal Permanent Residence Country:	Position Code:	Position:	UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS	
Primary Site of Activity: Columbia University 2960 Broadway New York, NY 10027					
2. Program Sponsor: Columbia University in the City of New York					Program Number:
Participating Program Official Description:					
Purpose of this form:					
3. Form Covers Period:					
4. Exchange: STUDENT					
To (mm-dd-yyyy):					
5. Duration of this form, the total estimated financial sup					
Academic Trainer:					

Program
End Date

**What happens after I
finish my program?**



Grace Period

Time designated for you to prepare for departure



A) Used directly after the completion of program

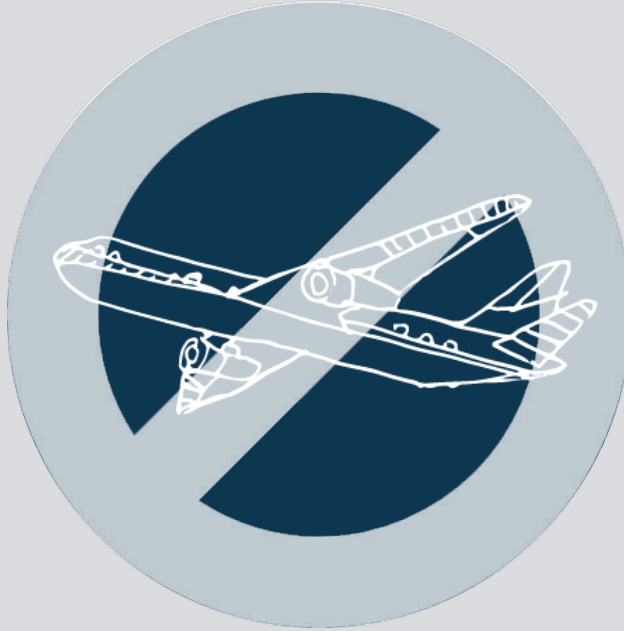
or



B) After work authorization ends

Grace Period

60 Days F-1
30 Days J-1



Employment

‘Tomorrow’ Recap

- Working off-campus is possible**
But under very specific circumstances
- Yes, you can travel internationally**
Don't forget your travel documents
- Life happens, changes happen**
Be sure to contact the ISSO

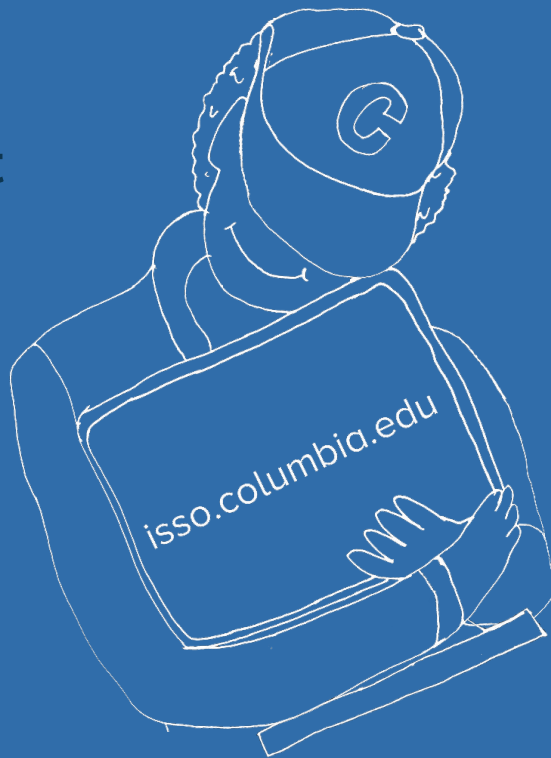
A person's hands are visible, with one hand pointing at a laptop screen. The laptop is open, displaying a website. The website has a header with the Columbia JYSCI logo and navigation links. The main content area features the title 'Filing Your Non-Resident Tax Forms using Sprintax (F and J)' and a date 'Updated 01-2018'. Below the title is a blue banner with a graphic of a person and a laptop. The person's hand is pointing at the screen, and another hand is visible near the keyboard. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Always
Use the ISSO website**

The ISSO website is your new best friend

We worked with user experience designers and content strategists to give you the best possible website.

Everything you need is here!



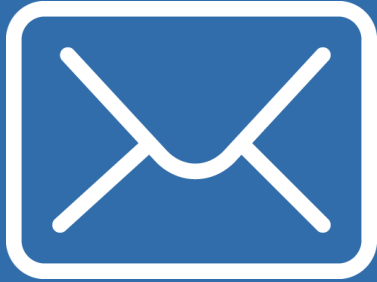
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address



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our workshops -
OPT, Taxes, and
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- COVID-19 Travel Resources
- FAQs
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ISSO Operations



FAQs



ISSO Updates



COVID-19 Resources

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Email ISSO at isso@columbia.edu

Non-emergency virtual advising book through ISSO website

Call Center for website navigation questions

‘Always’ Recap

→ Use and trust the ISSO website

Easily guides you through any and all immigration-related processes

→ Avoid problems before they happen

Read all our emails and stay connected



Thank you!
Q&A



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