



THE GLACIER TAX PREP SOFTWARE IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE RUTGERS GLOBAL - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES (ISSS) WEBSITE AT: <https://global.rutgers.edu/glacier-tax-prep>

For international students and scholars who have earned income in the United States, Rutgers Global - International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is pleased to offer again this year FREE access to GLACIER Tax Prep -- an online federal income tax filing program designed exclusively for international students & scholars who are nonresident aliens for tax purposes in the U.S. for the 2021 calendar year.

If you were present in the US even for 1 day during 2020, then you have tax filing obligations.

### **TAX FILING DEADLINES**

**April 15, 2021 - if you earned income in 2020**

**June 15, 2021 - if you had no income in 2020**

If you were present in the U.S. at any time in the previous calendar year (2020), in F-1 or J-1 status you must file [Form 8843](#) on or before June 15, even if you had no earned income. [Form 8843](#) is not an income tax return. It is an informational statement for certain non-resident aliens (including spouses and dependents of non-resident aliens).

If you are a “nonresident” for U.S. federal tax purposes, all you will need to do is answer the GLACIER Tax Prep software’s questions, and the software will then generate your U.S. federal tax return forms for you. You must then print the forms out and mail them to the address provided by the program—the program does NOT mail or e-mail the forms on your behalf. Please also note that GLACIER Tax Prep does NOT prepare New Jersey State income tax forms for you—only U.S. federal income tax forms. Please review our [webpage](#) on taxes to learn more about New Jersey tax forms.

**STEP 1: READ OUR WEBSITE TAX INFORMATION AT <https://global.rutgers.edu/taxes> TO DETERMINE IF YOU ARE A “NON-RESIDENT” OR “RESIDENT” FOR FEDERAL TAX PURPOSES, AS THESE TERMS ARE NOT THE SAME AS “NONIMMIGRANT” AND “IMMIGRANT” FOR VISA PURPOSES.** It is possible to be a nonimmigrant for visa purposes but a resident for tax purposes!

*If you determine that you are a “RESIDENT” for federal tax purposes, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE THE GLACIER TAX PREP PROGRAM, as we have been allocated access for a limited number of users. Anyone who accesses the program but is a non-resident for tax purposes uses one of our allocated accesses. The GLACIER Tax Prep program does not prepare taxes for “resident” taxpayers. “Residents” for federal tax purposes may wish to purchase a commercial tax software program such as [TurboTax](#), [H & R Block](#), or you may wish to access other commercial products (some free, some low-cost) listed online at <http://www.irs.gov/>*

*STEP 2: If you determine that you are a “NONRESIDENT” for federal tax purposes, you may use the GLACIER Tax Prep system by following instructions via the [Glacier Tax Prep](#) link on our website. If you have any questions while in the Glacier Tax Prep program itself, contact the GLACIER TAX PREP help support directly. Please email [support@glaciertax.com](mailto:support@glaciertax.com) with any questions. ISSS staff are not certified to provide individualized tax advice.*

Important Note for Students in Either of the Following Situations:

- You have a FELLOWSHIP FROM RUTGERS or
- You filed a TAX TREATY CLAIM form with Rutgers' Payroll Office

*If either or both of the above apply to you, you must wait to receive your form “1042S” from Payroll before you can complete your tax return. The payroll office legally has until March to send out 1042S forms, but Rutgers' Payroll Office usually sends them out in mid-to-late February.*

You do not have to be physically present in the US to file your taxes. As long as you have the required documents, you may complete your tax return in your home country and mail it to the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Please [refer to this page](#) for more information about the tax filing process and required documents.

Additional Resources:

- <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/foreign-students-and-scholars>
- <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2015/03/filing-taxes-101>

Sincerely,

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This periodic update from the Rutgers Global – International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office provides you with important information regarding your legal status, upcoming programs, and useful resources.

These notices are automatically sent to all nonimmigrant students enrolled at Rutgers–New Brunswick. Most messages, however, apply only to F-1 and J-1 students. We label most messages to facilitate your identification of which messages may apply to you personally. All F-1 and J-1 students on Rutgers' visa sponsorships are required to

know the information that is provided in these notices and to follow reminders and instructions that apply to their own situations.

This is NOT a subscription email list. These notices are sent periodically to an automatically-generated list. If you are a permanent resident or citizen of the U.S and should not be receiving these notices, please contact Susan Maldonado at [susanmal@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:susanmal@global.rutgers.edu).