



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



**MAY 10, 2024**

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### **ISSS MODIFIED OPERATIONS**

**Please note the following operational modifications will take effect Monday, May 13, 2024, through Friday, August 2, 2024:**

ISSS Business hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am – 5:00pm, and Fridays 8:30am-12:00pm (remote service only on Fridays). The office is closed on Wednesdays for processing and team meetings.

Remote Quick Question Advising (QQA) Summer Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays - 9:30AM - 11:30AM & 1:30PM-3:30PM; Fridays - 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Please refer to our [Advising Services](#) webpage to join QQA or to book an appointment.

### **I-20/DS-2019 EXPIRING IN MAY**

If your I-20 or DS-2019 document expires on May 31 and if you are *not* completing your academic program by May 31, please review our [Extension of Program page](#) for information and instructions on how to request an extension. **Please note that your request must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the end date listed on your I-20/DS-2019, as our office must have time to extend your end date before May 31.**

If you are graduating this May, congratulations! Please be sure to review our [Graduating Students](#) page for information on your options following your F-1 degree program.

## **APPLYING FOR CPT & OPT**

All students applying for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) or OPT must complete the Off-Campus Employment Workshop on the [RGlobal portal](#) (under Workshops on the left-hand menu). F-1 students who plan to engage in CPT during the summer break should plan to submit a [CPT application](#) as soon as possible. F-1 students graduating in May planning to apply for post-completion OPT should submit an [OPT application](#) as soon as possible.

Please note that summer CPT must begin after the end of the spring semester, and summer CPT must end before the start of the fall semester. Please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#) for details.

CPT Application and OPT I-20 requests will be processed within approximately 7 business days after the successful and complete submission of an application.

As F-1/J-1 students, it is your responsibility to know the rules and laws governing your legal status, including the regulations regarding off-campus internships or any off-campus employment. You do not need to wait until you have a job interview to find out what those rules are. For questions about CPT and OPT, please refer to our [Practical Training](#) page.

## **SUMMER TRAVEL**

As the spring semester ends, we understand some of you may be considering domestic or international travel. As always, we would like to advise all our students to exercise caution and review the [Travel and Visa Information webpage](#) for further detailed international travel guidance, resources, and tips. The travel signature on the I-20 or DS-2019 is valid for 12 months (6 months for students on OPT) and confirms that the student is in valid legal status and eligible to return to the United States to resume their programs. For more information and recommendations for international travel, visit the ISSS website page on [Preparing for International Travel](#).

Students graduating in May 2024 should also be aware that you must be physically present in the U.S. to apply for work authorization after graduation, called [Optional Practical Training](#). If you are not in the U.S. at the time of submitting your application, you cannot apply for OPT.

If you have any questions or concerns about traveling during the summer recess, please [contact an ISSS adviser](#).

## **SHOPPING SHUTTLE**

ISSS will continue to offer the shopping shuttle service to local stores during Summer 2024, so students who are on-campus can purchase groceries and other living essentials. The shopping shuttle schedule is now available on our [Shopping Shuttle](#) page.

Please note the updated pickup locations:

- Bevier Road on Busch Campus – Thursdays 5:30-5:40PM & Saturdays 10:30-10:45AM
- Nichols Apartments on Busch Campus – Thursdays 5:30-5:40PM & Saturdays 10:30-10:45AM
- College Ave. Student Center on CAC – Saturdays only 10:30-10:45AM

Have a safe and happy summer!

Best wishes,  
Rutgers Global – ISSS

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. Previous updates can be found on our [Email Notices page](#).

These notices are automatically sent to all nonimmigrant students enrolled at Rutgers–New Brunswick and Rutgers–Biomedical and Health Sciences. 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 must know the information provided in these notices and 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 ISSS:

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