



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



**February 19, 2025**

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### **A NOTE FROM ISSS**

As you settle into the Spring semester and the New Year, please remember that ISSS is here to help and support you. This is a busy time of year, and our email notice includes important tax information, employment resources, and more. Additionally, we understand the immigration landscape is constantly evolving, and we encourage you to stay informed by reviewing the [Rutgers Global alerts website](#) and utilizing all [ISSS resources](#).

### **TAX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

It is tax season! Refer to tax reporting requirements on the [taxes webpage](#) and learn about accessing GLACIER Tax Prep software in last week's [2025 Tax Notice](#).

Tax Filing Deadlines:

- April 15, 2025 - if you earned income in 2024
- June 15, 2025 – if you earned no income in 2024

### **OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES**

ISSS hosts a variety of programs to support student off-campus employment applications. Details are on the [Practical Training webpage](#).

- Join ISSS virtual chats to discuss CPT/OPT questions with international student advisers. The next session this semester is on **February 20**.

- Attend the next CPT/OPT 101 in-person workshop on **March 27**.
- Take advantage of OPT Support Sessions on **February 25** and **April 10** if you are working on your OPT application and already have a basic understanding of the OPT process.

### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **RU-FIT Peer Leader:** Become an RU-FIT Peer Leader and teach a course at Rutgers! Eligible applicants include rising juniors and seniors with campus resource expertise and the desire to help international students in their transition to university. This position offers a \$1,500 stipend. Applications are due by Monday, March 3 via Handshake ([2025 RU-FIT Peer Leader - Job # 9596509](#)). Email [ias-global@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:ias-global@global.rutgers.edu) with any questions.
- **Orientation Leader Positions:** ISSS is looking for 30-40 outstanding Orientation Leaders (OLs) to help facilitate orientation activities at the beginning of each semester. The position offers a \$500 stipend, as well as training in leadership skills, public speaking experience, a chance to work with Rutgers Global staff, and much more. Undergraduate and Graduate students are eligible to apply. You can find more information about it in the [Fall 2025 Orientation Leader Application Information email notice](#). Email [aanguyen@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:aanguyen@global.rutgers.edu) with any questions.

### OTHER UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- **Federal Policy:** Information about key presidential Executive Orders (EOs), fact sheets, and information related to immigration and global engagement may be found on the [Rutgers Global alerts website](#). The university has also launched a [website](#) to share relevant information about federal actions. Reach out with any questions at [immigration@global.rutgers.edu](mailto:immigration@global.rutgers.edu).
- **Travel:** Travelers should consider that re-entry policy and requirements to the United States may change while they are overseas. We encourage you to consult with ISSS, including reviewing [travel and visa information on our website](#), before making international travel plans and reference the [Rutgers Global alerts website](#).
- **IRS Rebate Payments:** A small number of F-1 and J-1 students and scholars at Rutgers may have received an IRS Recovery Rebate Credit in error. If you received this check from the IRS and if you were a nonresident alien in 2021, view our [memo](#) for more information and next steps.
- **Apply early:** If you are applying for a visa or for immigration benefits, such as OPT, it is important to apply early and factor in potential delays in processing. USCIS [Processing times](#) vary, and may be influenced by a variety of factors, including policy and regulatory changes and staffing levels. If you need to apply for or renew your visa during your travel abroad, review the [visa application information](#) on the ISSS website.
- **On Campus Employment:** Review [required paperwork and steps to begin working on campus](#). Please note that all SSA offices will now require scheduled appointments.
- **Be Aware of Scams and Fraud:** [Use available resources to protect yourself from scams](#) targeting international students.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND RESOURCES

- **Rutgers Global Calendar of Events:** Review [upcoming events and sign-up details](#).
- **Shopping Shuttle:** Check the Spring 2025 schedule and [sign up to reserve your spot](#).
- **CAPS/ISSS International Student Support Space:** [Sign up](#) to join “Building Communities & Making Connections” on March 7 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

Best wishes,  
Rutgers Global - ISSS

This update from Rutgers Global – International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) provides important information on your legal status, upcoming programs, and resources. Previous updates are available on the [Email Notices page](#).

This is NOT a subscription email list. These notices are automatically sent to all nonimmigrant students enrolled at Rutgers–New Brunswick and Rutgers Health, though most apply only to F-1 and J-1 students. All F-1 and J-1 students on Rutgers visa sponsorships should understand the information provided in these notices and follow reminders and instructions that apply to their own situations. 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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