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Happy March! We are now in Daylight Savings Time, and we hope everyone is enjoying the extra hour of sunlight in the evening. As we approach Spring Break and the second half of the semester, please remember to reach out to ISSS for help and guidance. This month, our email notice includes important travel information, tax reminders, employment resources, and more. In addition to our email updates, we encourage you to stay informed by reviewing the Rutgers Global alerts website and utilizing all ISSS resources.

SPRING BREAK AND SUMMER TRAVEL

With Spring Break a few days away and summer approaching, we understand that some of you may be considering domestic or international travel. Please review important updates below while planning:

- Travelers should consider that re-entry policy and requirements to the United States may change while they are overseas.
- We encourage all students to exercise caution when planning international trips and to stay informed by checking the <u>Rutgers Global alerts website</u>.
- Please review the <u>travel and visa information on our website</u> and remain in contact with our office.

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 month'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 <u>Practical Training webpage</u>.

- Join ISSS virtual chats to discuss CPT/OPT questions with international student advisers. The next session this semester is on **April 1**.
- Attend the next CPT/OPT 101 in-person workshop on March 27.
- Take advantage of the OPT Support Sessions on April 10 if you are working on your OPT
 application and already have a basic understanding of the OPT process.

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.
- 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 wisa application information on the ISSS website.
- On Campus Employment: Review <u>required paperwork and steps to begin working on</u> campus. Please note that all SSA offices will now require scheduled appointments.
- **Be Aware of Scams and Fraud:** <u>Use available resources to protect yourself from scams</u> targeting international students.
- Recently Changed your Address? Be sure to update your contact information on <u>myRutgers</u> within 10 days of the change. Review all <u>maintaining legal status reminders</u> on our website.

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 International Student Wellness Group (ISWG): Call (848) 932-7883 to join a safe, confidential, and therapeutic group for international students. Meetings are weekly on Tuesdays, 2-3:30pm.

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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