

2012 SPRING WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Curricular/Optional Practical Training (CPT/OPT) for F-1 Students:

Friday, February 17, 2012 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM

and

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM (same content)

Presenter(s): Elke Breker and/or Sara Sanford, Office of International Student & Scholar Services

Location: Center for Careers and Life after Brown (CareerLAB), 167 Angell Street – across from Brown Office Building (BOB)

The curricular practical training part of this presentation is designed for undergraduate and graduate students who have been in F-1 status for a minimum of one academic year and who are interested in a paid internship off campus.

The optional practical training part addresses questions related to OPT for F-1 students who are interested in utilizing this employment authorization during the summer or who plan to complete their academic program in 2012.

Please note: Students who plan to complete their academic program during the 2012 spring semester are advised to apply as early as 90 days before their anticipated completion date.

Employment and Visa Options for International Students and Scholars

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Presenter: Immigration Attorney Elizabeth Goss

Location: Center for Careers and Life after Brown (CareerLAB), 167 Angell Street – across from Brown Office Building (BOB)

The focus of this informational session, geared toward students and scholars, will be on nonimmigrant employment with special emphasis on visa options after optional practical training (F-1) or academic training (J-1)*. Ms. Goss will discuss various types of working visas and applicable filing requirements, and update participants on current H-1B provisions and the petition process for H-1B visas. Other work visas and employment-based permanent residency (green card) will be introduced as well.

*Students with specific questions related to practical training should attend the CPT/OPT workshops listed above and consult with an OISSS advisor.

Informational Tax Clinic for Nonimmigrants

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 9:00 -11:30 AM

Presenter(s): Miguelina Chevalier, Senior Tax Specialist, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Rita Gandhi, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Location: J. Walter Wilson, 69 Brown Street, R. 503 (corner of Brown/Waterman Street)

This tax clinic is geared toward nonimmigrant students and scholars, who after going through GLACIER Tax Prep (formerly CINTAX) or filling out their resident tax forms, still have specific questions related to their annual federal income tax return.

There will be no presentation, but rather **brief** individual consultations (5-10 minutes) on a first come, first serve basis.

If applicable, please bring your tax forms (e.g. Form 1040 NR (EZ) downloaded from GLACIER Tax Prep, Form 1040 (EZ) if *resident-for-tax-purposes*, Form 8843, Form W-2 and/or Form 1042-S).

Please note: International students and scholars who are considered *nonresidents-for-tax-purposes* are expected to utilize the online federal income tax filing program, GLACIER Tax Prep (accessible through the OISSS website) **prior** to coming to the session (see 2011 Tax Year Preparation Information). If you encounter any problems while using GLACIER Tax Prep, please e-mail the GLACIER Tax Prep Support Center at support@glaciertax.com. GLACIER Tax Prep will respond to questions via e-mail only.

State Income Tax

Questions pertaining to the filing the state income tax return should be addressed directly with the Rhode Island Division of Taxation (see 2011 Tax Year Preparation Information).