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OPT/CPT, International Travel, & Tax Filing Reminders

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International Students - Planning to work in the U.S. this summer or after graduation?**Now is the time to apply for Optional Practical Training [OPT]!**

Processing times at the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) are approximately 3-4 months from the date they receive your application to adjudicate your OPT application and issue your Employment Authorization Card (EAD).

If you have not yet applied for OPT but anticipate to graduate in May, please apply as soon as possible! You do not need to have secured employment in order to be eligible to apply. Please come to OISSS (3rd Floor of JWW) during walk-in advising hours M-Th 1:30-3:30 pm with the [required documents](#) to get started on your application.

For further information, and also for information on Curricular Practical Training (CPT) see Employment Options for F-1 Students at the link below.

<https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/international-student-and-scholar-services/students/f-1-student/f-1-student-employment>

International Travel during Spring Break**Make sure your immigration document (I-20 or DS-2019) has a valid travel signature for your return to the U.S.**

If you are leaving the United States during the Spring Break, please take a moment to check that you have a current (less than a year old at time of re-entry to the U.S.) travel signature on page 3 of your I-20 for F-1 students or in the lower right hand corner of your DS-2019 for J-1 students/scholars.

If you need a new travel signature, please drop off your I-20 or DS-2019 at the OISSS (3rd Floor of JWW) to be signed. Please keep in mind that due to the volume of requests, the travel signature process takes up to 5 business days.

At this time we also remind you to take a moment to review the travel information on the OISSS website.

<http://www.brown.edu/about/administration/international-student-and-scholar-services/travel-information-re-entry-us>

2017 Income Tax Filing deadline is April 15, 2018.

For information on how to file your 2017 taxes please view the Annual Income Tax Return Filing page linked below.

<https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/international-student-and-scholar-services/taxes/annual-income-tax-return-filing>