



WEEKLY UPDATE – April 20

## **COVID-19 Immigration-Related FAQ**

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, it's important to stay up-to-date on immigration information related to your international student status. In an effort to answer your questions related to a variety of topics including visas and travel, online classes, and work authorizations, ISSS has created these **COVID-19 FAQ**. Check out the **ISSS website** and stay informed!

### IMMIGRATION INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

## **IIE Emergency Student Fund**

In need of some financial support during these challenging times? The **Institute of International Education (IIE)** is offering assistance to international students on US campuses impacted by COVID-19. The Emergency Student Fund (ESF) will provide grants of \$2,500 to cover international student living expenses through summer 2020 to selected students who demonstrate a high financial need. The deadline is **Sunday, April 26, 2020. Learn more about the requirements and how to apply »** 

### **EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS**



# The Learning, Writing, and Speaking Centers

While the university moves classes to an online format, the **Learning, Writing, and Speaking Centers** (LWSC) will remain open with virtual availability for students via Zoom or phone. Online services include Peer Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction (SI) Sessions, Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL) sessions, Academic Skills Coaching, Writing Center consultations, and Speaking Center appointments. LWSC staff can be reached Monday through Friday between 8 a.m.–5 p.m. by email or through the online chatbox.

# **Free Virtual Tours**

Tired of staring at the same four walls? Immerse yourself in a new surrounding by checking out these free virtual tours of sites and scenes from around the globe!

Museums – Access over five hundred museums and art galleries for free Ancient City – Future Learn now offers a free online course about the architecture and history of Rome, allowing students to walk around a 3D digital model of the ancient city Georgia Aquarium – Watch under the sea tours of otters, sea lions, piranha, and jellyfish

**Edinburgh Zoo** – Catch live streams of pandas, tigers, penguins, and koalas



# LinkedIn Contest

Calling all May 2020 and December 2020 graduating students! You are invited to participate in CSC's **Annual Best LinkedIn Contest**! It's as easy as perfecting your LinkedIn page and then connecting with and messaging Donna Francisco that you want to be considered for the contest. No other requirements! Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners. Submissions are currently open and will close on **April 24**. Winners will be announced May 8 Learn more about the



## **Cafe International**

How are you holding up with the many changes related to COVID-19? Join Cafe International this week for a stressfree, virtual coffee break with other international students to chat about your experiences and recharge your batteries. This virtual Cafe International will take place on **Tuesday, April 21 from 7–8 p.m. PDT.** All are welcome! Please **RSVP to this event »** 

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requirements and how to participate

## **ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES**

#### **Requesting a document from ISSS?**

If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request **ten business days** to process requests. Make sure you plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive your document before you need it. **You can also make some document requests through online submission.** 

#### Adviser Appointments and Workshops

**Appointments can be made online**. Please visit the **ISSS website** to schedule an appointment. Appointments are still booked in 30-minute increments.

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