



WEEKLY UPDATE – Oct. 19

## Your USF Education and Beyond

Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree and trying to figure out the best next step on your journey? As you navigate your career and academic opportunities as an international student, we have prepared some relevant resources, including information below about F-1 employment options, graduate school fairs, Career Services Center offerings this semester, and other timely articles and information. If you have additional questions related to immigration, you can **email ISSS** or **make a Zoom appointment with your ISSS adviser**.

## Employment Options for International Students

If you're interested in pursuing an internship or job, consider applying for **Curricular Practical Training (CPT)**. CPT is off-campus employment, internship, or other training that is a required or integral part of a degree program. Students may refer to the USF catalog or contact their academic department to determine whether CPT is a required or optional component of their degree program. **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** is another option for international students and is an off-campus work benefit of F-1 Visa holders. Students have the option to apply for 12 months of work authorization during or after their studies. Students are required to complete a workshop before submitting an OPT application to ISSS. Please note that all F1 students must first receive approval before beginning employment in the U.S. **Learn more about these employment options on the ISSS website »**



## Graduate School Fairs

Interested in pursuing a graduate degree following your studies? There are a variety of U.S. institutions, including USF, who will be hosting virtual graduate school fairs in the coming weeks.

- **UC Santa Cruz (Social Sciences and Humanities)** - Wednesday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- **USF Applied Economics, MS** - Wednesday, Oct. 21, 12–1 p.m.
- **USF Sport Management** - Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6–7 p.m.
- **San Francisco State University** - Thursday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Read more and register on the USF student calendar »**



## Careers Week

The **Career Services Center (CSC)** host launched a new series called, Career Week. Each week, they will offer programming around a specific field. This week will focus on opportunities within marketing and communications. Students will be able to talk with alums and employers working in these industries. **Learn more and sign up to reserve your spot »**

- **Tuesday, Oct. 20** - Information Session with GroupM, 12– 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 20** - USF Alums in MarCom Panel, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 22** - MarCom Pop In, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.



## Relevant Articles and Resources

Looking for resources to guide your next steps during these uncertain times? Check out this USF article, ***How to Find a Job in Tough Times***.

Additionally, CSC has also shared a list of helpful articles and resources including, ***Tips when searching for jobs and internships during COVID-19***. You can also view slide decks from previous presentations including, "Adapting to a Changing Career Market During COVID-19" and "Broadening Horizons: Stories from Alumni Graduating in Uncertainty" on the **CSC website**.



## December Commencement

Last week, the President announced that the university will celebrate the December 2020 graduates with a virtual commencement ceremony on Dec. 11. If you are graduating this December, keep an eye out for additional information, including how your friends and family can view your commencement, being sent in November. In the meantime, please **visit the Graduation Center on myUSF for details on diplomas and more »**

## 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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