



WEEKLY UPDATE – February 14

This week's newsletter includes general information about employment options for international students. Later in the semester, we'll share additional resources about the Career Services Center and other workshop offerings. As always, if you have any general questions, you can contact our office by **chat**, **phone**, or **email**. If you have specific immigration questions, you can also **make an appointment with your ISSS adviser online**.

Employment Options for F-1 Students

In the beginning of each semester, students are often curious about employment options available to them. Brief explanations are provided below along with links to our website where you can **find instructions** on how to apply for and secure employment. Please note that all F1 students must first receive approval before beginning employment in the U.S. F-1 students should know the following about their options for employment:

- **On-campus employment:** All F-1 degree seeking students may work on campus up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session. Eligible F-1 students should follow the steps listed on our webpage when seeking on-campus employment. **Learn more »**
- **Curricular Practical Training (CPT):** 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 an 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. **Learn more »**
- **Optional Practical Training (OPT):** Optional Practical Training (OPT) is an off-campus work benefit for 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. **Learn more »**

J-1 students: Please note that J-1 students should check with their ISSS advisor or visa sponsor to determine their employment eligibility. Eligible J-1 students have two options to engage in employment: On-campus Employment and Academic Training. **Learn more »**



GO Team Applications

Applications for the Get Oriented (GO) Team are live! GO Team leaders aid the facilitation of new student and family orientation by providing new students and their family members with an engaging introduction to campus life and all its resources. Applications will close on **Sunday, Feb. 20**. **Learn more and apply for the GO Team »**



Upcoming Office Closure

Please keep in mind that the ISSS office will be closed on **Monday, Feb. 21** in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Feb. 22 during regular business hours from 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. We hope you enjoy a relaxing holiday weekend.

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 make 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 15-minute increments.

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