Career Planning
Are you 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 about F-1 employment options, Career Services Center offerings this semester, and other timely events 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 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. Optional Practical Training (OPT) is another option for international students and 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. Please note that if F1 students must first receive approval before beginning employment in the U.S. Learn more about these employment options on the ISSS website »

Career Services Center
The Career Services Center (CSC) is a great resource to support you as you journey on your career path. Join their career workshops and employer events to show with your skills and experiences during virtual drop-in hours (no appointment necessary). You can also review their Handshake resources. Handshake is the CSC’s powerful networking platform for University of San Francisco students and alumni. Learn more on their website »

NetworkUSF
At USF students have access to NetworkUSF, an official online community that will help foster connections between students and alumni around the world. On this platform, students have the opportunity to seek advice, explore career fields of interest, and build a professional network with alumni. Students can filter alumni by career and including areas, geographic locations, current company and title, areas of interest, and USF affiliations. Learn more on their website »

Campus Involvement
Not quite ready to obtain work authorization and land a job? A great way to get started is to join a student organization on campus. Student organizations provide exciting opportunities to develop leadership skills, network, acquire new skills, plan events, and connect to the USF community. There are over 130 graduate and undergraduate student organizations at USF with a variety of focuses. Learn more to get involved with SLE »

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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