



WEEKLY UPDATE – Feb. 27

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 **make an appointment with your ISSS adviser**.

Employment Options for F-1 Students

At 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 information** on employment for F-1 students and how to obtain work authorization. Please note that all F-1 students must first receive approval before beginning off-campus 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 practical training 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 »**



Job Search Dos & Don'ts: International Students Edition

Which companies are actually hiring international students? How do I make my application stand out? Get answers to these questions and more from people who've been there, done that.

Watch the video »



Resume Rush

Monday, Feb. 27
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
University Center First Floor — Atrium, next to the USF Bookstore

Learn more »

Get ready for JOB FEST by getting your resume reviewed by employers! Polish your resume and ask any questions you may have about meeting employers at JOB FEST. No pre-registration required, just show up! Students will be seen on a first-come basis.



Job Fest: Virtual Session

Tuesday, Feb. 28
3:00pm - 5:30pm PST
Online via Zoom

Check out this **list of employers** coming to Job Fest to see who accepts CPT/OPT candidates!

Learn more or register »



Job Fest: In-Person Festival

Thursday, March 2
11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
McLaren Conference Center

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How to Make the Most of Your Internship: Before, During and After

Monday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Hosted by **SHE-CAN** Volunteer and Mentor, Victoria Gonin, a certified Leadership Coach and President of Womenade Boston.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Learn how to make a good internship better or a challenging one successful, and make the most of the experience at every stage.

Register Now »

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. All ISSS requests should be submitted through the **MyISSS student portal** (select the home icon, site home, and then requests on the left-hand menu). You can view our **MyISSS Student Handbook** for assistance with your 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. To schedule a workshop, select workshops from the first menu option in our scheduler. Students must complete an OPT workshop before applying for OPT.

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