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INTERNAL NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

YOU ARE
WELCOME
HERE!!

The University of Tampa has welcomed almost 300 new international students from 70 different nationalities for this Fall 22 semester. They will be joining our +400 international students currently studying at UT.



CPT

You can submit the online application form for CPT as soon as you are able to enroll in the internship course for this semester, but no later than 2 business days before your internship start date. The deadline to register for an internship course is Friday Sept 16th.



ISSS  **PORTAL**

OPT

Student graduating this Fall 2022, we are already receiving, and processing OPT request in our ISSS portal. The earliest you can apply with the USCIS is September 17th. Early OPT applicants are more likely to get their EAD card before graduation so they are able to travel home for the holidays and secure jobs easier

ISSS September Event

**Sept
26**

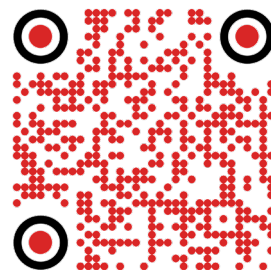
Student Employment Workshop

Learn about the three main types of employment: On-campus, CPT and OPT. The Office of Career Services will discuss and demonstrate search strategies for on-campus, part time/internships, and full time employment.

If you're an international student and can share your experiences of employment with your peers, we welcome your perspective during the session.

When: Monday, Sept. 26 from 2-4:00pm Where: SFB 145

Please come prepared with any questions that you may have.





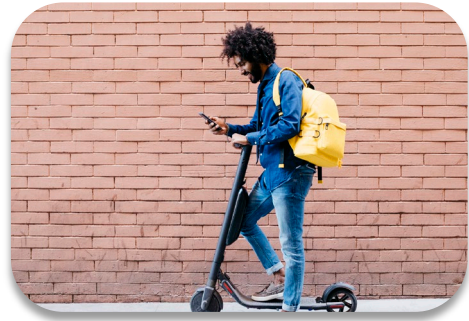
the tip of this month

If you click **download** on your I-20 from your portal, and nothing happens. First, check your **download folders**, it might have gone there directly without notification. If it's not there, try downloading from **another browser**. Troubleshoot your computer or phone as much as you can. Emailing I-20s entails high security risks that IPO will avoid at all cost.



Happy Ending Story (Real story, fake name)

Bekele has returned to UTampa to continue his MBA after being out of the country since January 2022. He had to leave in a hurry due to a medical emergency in his family. But he now can graduate in Spring 2023. He was wise enough to request a **Leave of Absence** before his record was terminated for unauthorized early withdrawal. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to renew his F-1 visa and be readmitted at UT in such a short time. Welcome back Bekele!



Sad Ending Story (Real story, fake name)

Hanna graduated on August 15, and she believed she read all the information in the ISSS portal about applying for OPT, and even watched the video about OPT in our IG. She was so excited to get her permit and start working that she submitted her request in her international student portal and in the USCIS at the same time. She did not understand (she said) that she needed an **OPT endorsed I-20** from IPO to attach to her USCIS application. One week later her application was denied. She's now applying again, because her grace period is not done, but she needed to pay another \$410 fee. Good Luck Hanna!!

