OPT Workshop Dates for Graduate Students
If you are a grad student and if you will be graduating in 2016 you should attend one of our workshops about Optional Practical Training (OPT). This is an immigration benefit that you can apply for that will allow you to gain work experience after graduation. You must attend an OPT workshop prior to applying for OPT. Pre-registration is not necessary.

OPT Workshops for the Spring semester will take place as follows:

Monday, March 21—12:00 PM until 1:30 PM
Grace Conference Room in the University Center

Wednesday, April 6—3:00 PM until 4:30 PM
Jonas Clark, room 218

Graduating in May or August and cannot attend? Contact our office to schedule a time to meet with our staff about OPT. Students who cannot attend an OPT workshop can attend Open Hours with Amanda Connolly to learn about OPT. Open Hours are Tuesdays from 1:30—3:00 PM in Corner House and Thursdays from 11 AM—12:30 PM in Carlson Hall.

OPT Workshop Date for Undergraduate Students
The Undergraduate OPT Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 2 PM in Jefferson 320. Undergraduate students who would like to apply for permission to work after completion of degree should plan to attend this session.

2 opportunities!
1. **7th University Scholars Leadership Symposium**, August 1\textsuperscript{st} – 7\textsuperscript{th} 2016, Hanoi, Vietnam

2. Educational Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the third year of our sponsorship, in conjunction with the United Nations, of the [Many Languages, One World Student Essay Contest](http://www.clarku.edu/offices/oia/international/taxes.cfm) and Global Youth Forum for 2016.

**Taxes!**

All students who worked in the US in 2015 should file their taxes by April 15, 2016. Please refer to ISSO e-mail dated February 1, 2016 or this link, [http://www.clarku.edu/offices/oia/international/taxes.cfm](http://www.clarku.edu/offices/oia/international/taxes.cfm) for more details.

**Spring Break Travel**

If you are traveling outside of the US on Spring Break, make sure that you have an I-20 that was signed by an ISSO Staff member no earlier than August 25, 2015.

**Dining Services over Spring Break**

The Bistro in Higgins University Center will be open during Spring Break for breakfast and lunch. Check here for more information: [https://clarkdining.sodexomyway.com/](https://clarkdining.sodexomyway.com/)

**Travelers – take note**

You may have heard about the Zika virus in the news lately. For those of you who plan to travel during spring break, please take a look at this link to find out where cases of the Zika disease has been found: [http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/) Although most cases of the Zika virus are mild, here is some information about preventative measures you can take to avoid contraction: [http://www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html](http://www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html)

**Daylight Saving!**

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 13, 2016, 2:00:00 AM clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 13, 2016, 3:00:00 AM local daylight time instead
Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 13, 2016 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

**Donut Day!**

Donut Day will be held on April 26, 2016 in the Grace Conference Room in the Higgins University Center. All those who will travel outside of the US after May, 2016 should get a new I-20 signature in preparation for entry to the US. More details to come!

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*Spring is on the way!*