OPT Workshops Scheduled for Grads and Undergrads!
Students who are graduating in December 2016 or May 2017 should plan to attend an OPT workshop to learn more about their options for employment authorization after they graduate. All students (graduate and undergraduate) must attend an OPT workshop prior to applying for OPT.

Wednesday, September 14 at 3:00 PM – Lurie Conference Room
Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 PM – Lurie Conference Room
Monday, November 14 at 12:30 PM – Lurie Conference Room
Friday, December 2 at 1:00 PM – Grace Conference Room

International Student Dining Hall Group
Join us in a small group meeting to give us your feedback, learn more about dining options and give your ideas on potential improvements on the dining experience at Clark. Students will meet every 3 to 4 weeks with Michael Newmark, General Manager of Dining Services and Patty Doherty, Director of the ISSO.

Did you get a new cell number or are you in a new apartment? Tell us about it!
We need to update your information! Please write to the ISSO to tell us your Clark ID and your new cell number and/or address.

Check-in and Registration
Please remember to check-in with the ISSO if you have not done so already. This is a process where we have you fill out a form and we photocopy your passport and I-20. Also, you need to be registered for at least 3 units to be considered full time and to comply with SEVIS regulation. Students who are graduating in the fall or winter of 2016 are allowed to take less than 3 units. However, if you are going to be registered for less than 3 units please write an email to Veda Genkos.

**No more need for Invitation Letters!**

As of September 1, 2016, ISSO will no longer write invitation letters for friends or family planning to visit you while you are studying at Clark. This is based on the Department of State published list of documents that are required for a Visitor (B) visa. You can reference this information here. If you have questions or concerns about this new policy, please contact Amanda Connolly.

**SCAMS**

Scammers are targeting International students and scholars around the country to try to get money from them. Common scammers will call and claim to be from a US government agency. The scammer will attempt to convince the student to send money to solve a problem with the student’s immigration status, taxes, etc. Please remember that the government will NEVER demand money over the phone.

We are also seeing an increase in employment-related scams. These often involve hiring a student in a type of remote position, giving the student a sum of money to help with start-up costs and asking the student to forward the remaining money to another person. Scams always involve the scammer trying to get a student to give them money.

As a general rule, never send money to or accept money from someone that you do not know! Never give out personal information (name, date of birth, Social Security number, etc.) to someone that you do not know over the phone or via e-mail.

Scammers often sound very legitimate, use technical language, and threaten legal action when the student does not do exactly what they want.

We encourage you to report scams, as this is a good way to help stop scams from happening. If you are concerned that you are being scammed, contact ISSO and the Clark University Police to report the scam. You can also report immigration-related scams to the USCIS online: https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/report-immigration-scams.
Donut Day!
Donut Day will be Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in Grace Conference Room. Please stop by! Get your I-20 signed with a travel signature while enjoying free donuts and coffee!

Travelers – take note
You may have heard about the Zika virus in the news lately. For those of you who plan to travel this fall, 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/  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

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