Dear international students,

As the academic year comes to an end, I write on behalf of OISS to extend our best wishes and offer a few end-of-the-year reminders to both graduating and returning students. I invite you to contact our office anytime you have questions or concerns about your immigration status. OISS is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

I-20 or DS-2019:
Always make sure that your I-20 or DS-2019 form is current and valid. If your document will expire in the near future and you plan to continue your program beyond the end date, please extend it before the expiration date. Your immigration status could be at risk if you do not extend your document before it expires. More information on how to renew your I-20 or DS-2019 form is available at: http://www.udel.edu/oiss/Current_Students/status.html

Optional Practical Training (OPT):
If you are graduating and have not yet applied for OPT, please note that your OPT application needs to be received by immigration within 60 days of your completion date. More information about OPT can be found at: http://www.udel.edu/oiss/Current_Students/Employment.html#OPT

Curricular Practical Training (CPT):
If you are planning to apply for CPT to work or do an internship in your field of study over the summer, please be reminded that the application deadline is July 07. Information about CPT eligibility and application procedures can be found at: http://www.udel.edu/oiss/Current_Students/Employment.html#CPT

Travel Signature:
If you are leaving the U.S. for the summer and will be returning as an F-1 student or on Optional Practical Training (OPT), please remember to get a travel signature from our office. Signatures should be no older than 1 year upon your re-entry. ELI students must see an OISS adviser before any travel outside the U.S. For more information on travel and visa renewal, please see: http://www.udel.edu/oiss/Current_Students/travel.html

New I-94 Procedures:
Starting April 30, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection will introduce a new procedure to replace the physical I-94 card that you currently receive at the U.S. port of entry or border. You will only receive an entry (or admission) stamp in your passport, which will include the entry date, class of admission (or status) and the expiration date. You will be able to print out their I-94 in an electronic format. Additional information is available at: http://www.udel.edu/oiss/About_Us/New_I-94.html

Best wishes,

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