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The Global Connection

The Johns Hopkins International Society's Newsletter

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Welcome New Students and Scholars!

It's that time of year again when we welcome a new group of students and scholars to the JHMI campus. We hope that you have a rich, rewarding experience at Hopkins! The International Society is planning many new and exciting programs and events so stay tuned! Updates will be published in this bi-monthly newsletter and on our website: (www.hopkinsmedicine.org/intslsvcs/jhis/index.asp.htm).

Here are a few important reminders regarding your immigration status:

- * When you arrive at Johns Hopkins, you will need to check in with the Office of International Services (OIS) either at your orientation or at our office on the first floor of Reed Hall.
- * You must report a change of address to the OIS within 10 days of moving.
- * If you plan to travel, make sure that an advisor from the OIS has signed the appropriate section of your I 20 or DS 2019 within the past 6 months.
- * If you are a student and you plan to drop below full-time status, you must consult an advisor in the OIS before the end of the add/drop period.

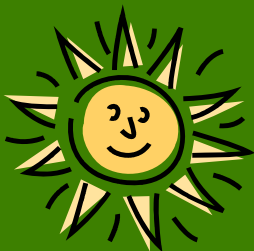


The OIS advisors are here to answer your questions so please don't hesitate to send us an email (see page 5 for email addresses) or come to walk in advising (see page 5 for hours) if you are unsure of proper procedures.

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Welcome Summer!





*The Johns Hopkins
International Society*



International Student

Welcome Reception 2008

Tuesday, July 1st

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Reed Hall, 1st Floor

Come and enjoy food, drinks, and good company! Meet your fellow students and the folks at the OIS and Housing office. All members of the JHMI community are invited!

JHMI Office of International Student, Faculty & Staff Services (OIS)

For more information, please contact the International Society at 410-955-3370 or email: internationalsociety@jhmi.edu



Ask the Advisor

Dear Advisor,

My friend told me that he just got a Social Security number. What is that and do I need one?

Yours Truly,

M. I. Secure



Dear M. I. Secure,

Thanks for the question! A Social Security Number (SSN) is a 9-digit number issued by the Social Security Administration that is used to report an individual's wages to the U.S. government.

Since the SSN is issued for tax purposes, you must be gainfully employed in the U.S when you apply. The Social Security Administration considers an individual employed if he/she receives a wage or stipend from a U.S. source. Also, the individual should wait until he/she has been in the U.S. for at least 10 days before applying for a SSN.

You will need to apply in person at a local Social Security office. To apply for a SSN, you will need:

- a valid passport (if your passport is less than one year old, you will need another document proving your identity)
- Form I-20, DS-2019 or, for H1B1 visa holders, form I-797
- I 94 card
- *For students with on-campus employment or an assistantship or stipend only, an original letter from your international student advisor confirming your student status and stating that on-campus employment is authorized.*
- a completed application form (online at <http://www.ssa.gov/online/ss-5.pdf>)

Social Security Numbers can be issued to the following visa holders:

F-1 **
H-1B1

J-1 Research
T/N

J-1 Student **
O-1

** Issued only for those with an EAD card or with a letter stating on-campus employment or a letter from a U.S. employing department or agency.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Office of International Services at 410-955-3371 or come to walk-in advising.

Do you have a question for "Ask the Advisor"?

Please send your questions to: internationalsociety@jhmi.edu





Upcoming Events



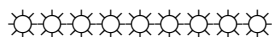
*Events in red are JHU events.

June

- 14-15** **Honfest 2008.** A truly Baltimore festival celebrating local “Hons” (according to the festival’s organizers, the term “hon” “embodies the warmth and affection bestowed upon our neighbors and visitors alike by historic working-women of Baltimore”). Festival takes place in Hampden on 36th Street. Features music, vendors, and Best Hon contest. (www.honfest.net)
- 20** **Johns Hopkins Picnic.** All Hopkins affiliates and their families are invited to attend this annual event. Tickets are \$2 and must be reserved in advance—see website for ticket purchase locations. 5—7:30 p.m. Johns Hopkins @ Eastern. (<http://www.jhu.edu/~hr1/fsrp/picnic.html>)
- 21-22** **LatinoFest.** Celebrate Latino music, art and culture in Patterson Park. (<http://www.latinofest.org>)
- Baltimore Pride Festival.** Hosted by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Trans gender Community Center. Events include the pride parade, a 5k fun run/walk, pride festival, a block party, and a high heel race! Check the website for event locations (<http://www.baltimorepride.org/>)

July

- 4** **Independence Day.** Downtown fireworks display begins at 9:30 p.m. Fire works can be viewed from several locations including Federal Hill, Fells Point and Canton.
- 18-20** **Artscape.** America’s Largest Free Public Arts Festival. Over 120 arts and craftspeople from around the country. Live concerts, children’s activities and lots of food! Located along Mt. Royal and Cathedral Streets. Check out the website for more details (www.artscape.org)



Coming Soon...

Join the International Society for a tour of Baltimore!

September 20, 2:30 p.m.



Explore historic downtown Baltimore and the Inner Harbor. Ride the Ducks Baltimore uses unique amphibious vehicles that ride on land and in the water! Contact Dacia Gauer for ticket details at internationalsociety@jhmi.edu.

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About our office...

The mission of the Office of International Student, Faculty, & Staff Services (OIS) is to:

Provide competent and professional service to international students, scholars, faculty, and staff at The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions concerning U.S. immigration laws governing and/or regulating their stay in the United States.

Ensure that The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions maintains compliance with all applicable laws and regulations set forth by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service (CIS), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Labor, and other government agencies pertaining to our international population.

Assist The Johns Hopkins International Society in promoting international good will, assisting international visitors in adjusting to life in Baltimore and the U.S., and providing for cultural, social, and educational exchange.

Support and engage in advocacy efforts at the institutional, local, national, and international level to promote the importance of international educational exchange.

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Walk-in Advising

Monday and
Wednesday
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Visit us on the web at:

[http://
www.hopkinsmedicine.
org/intlsvcs/](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/intlsvcs/)

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