Dear Students,

Welcome back to campus! We hope that you are having a good spring semester! This newsletter will spotlight upcoming programs and events as well as important reminders related to immigration, taxes, travel, and on-campus resources. Be sure to check our website at www.wellesley.edu/siciss/ for more detailed information, like our Facebook page and join our Linkedin group to stay connected with all of the latest details.

Cheers, Karen & Kelly

Global Tea Series  
Every Friday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Slater International Center
Join us at Slater for our weekly informal gatherings focused on intercultural exchange, learning, and support. Each week we will chat about different topics and hear from special guests. Tea and cookies always served!

Immigration Attorney Visit  
Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 – 7:30pm, Library Lecture Room
Are you an international student interested in working in the US after you graduate and complete your OPT? Come hear an overview of common visa options from an immigration lawyer!

Tax Information Session  
Thursday, March 7th, 2013 6:30 – 8:30, Collins Cinema
This session will provide an overview of the U.S. tax system, review your tax responsibilities as an international student, introduce the WindStar FNTR Tax Prep software, and provide you with some helpful information and handouts.
Declaring a Major/Updating your Form I-20
If you have recently declared or changed your major, you must request a new Form I-20 to reflect your new major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that your immigration document reflects the most accurate and up to date information about your program of study.

Practical Training (CPT & OPT)
If you are thinking about doing an internship over the summer or if you are graduating in May, you should start learning about your employment authorization options. As an international student you will need authorization to work off campus. Attend the "Working in the U.S." information session and refer to the employment section on our website for more information.

ATTENTION SENIORS: If you are thinking about remaining in the U.S. after graduation and working in the U.S., it is highly recommended that you attend the "Working in the U.S." information session. Additionally, Slater will be holding 10 1-hour OPT Application Assembly Workshops. In order to apply for OPT you must sign up online at: http://www.doodle.com/hg7n36pmvtks8q5d
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Travel
If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, you must have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel. For F-1 students, the travel signature is valid for one year and is located on page 3 of your Form I-20. For J-1 students, the travel signature is valid for the duration of your form and is located in the lower left corner of your Form DS-2019. Please carry the following documents when you travel:

1) Valid Form I-20 or DS-2019 – with valid travel signature (12 months for currently enrolled students)
2) Valid Passport (at least 6 months into future)
3) Valid F-1 or J-1 visa
4) Proof of financial support
5) Current transcript or Enrollment Letter (optional)

If you need a travel signature, you must bring all your immigration documents to Slater International Center during Walk-In Hours. If Walk-In Hours are not convenient for you, you may contact Kelly to make an appointment: kwebber@wellesley.edu or (781-283-2082).

Resources

Going Global
Check out “GOING GLOBAL” – A new Wellesley College resource that links students to a comprehensive database of international employment opportunities and country-specific information on industries and networks. You can access Going Global through the Information Resources tab in MyCWS or on-campus at: http://online.goingglobal.com/ It is recommended that you set up your own account, to save searches and information.

Dining and Transportation Services
Dining and Transportation Services change during academic breaks. For more information, please contact Dining Services, Residential Life, or the Housing & Transportation office.
For Transportation: http://www.wellesley.edu/Transportation/
For Dining Hours: http://www.wellesleyfresh.com/hours.html
For Housing: http://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/index.html

Taxes
Tax Season is coming! Taxes are complicated, especially for international students and scholars. Slater International Center will provide support for you as you try to navigate the U.S. tax system. Remember that the deadline to file your taxes is April 15th! It is your responsibility to understand and comply with U.S. tax regulations in a timely manner. Keep your eyes open for more details on our new tax preparation software, Windstar FNTR, and mark your calendars for our two important upcoming tax programs: Tax Information Session (March 7th) & Tax Prep Workshop (March 26th).
Reminders

Host Families
Reconnect with your host family this semester to learn more about North American culture and to share your culture with them too! They would love to hear from you.

Spending Time at Slater
Don't forget you can always spend time at Slater! Your Wellesley ID gives you swipe access and allows you to come, relax, eat snacks, meet with your friends, or watch movies anytime! Just remember to follow the clean-up guidelines posted and return all DVDs after use. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

Social Media
To stay up to date on all of the latest events, we encourage you to follow us online:
Facebook: http://facebook.com/SlaterInternationalCenter
Twitter: http://twitter.com/SlaterCenter

Suggestions, welcome.
Do you have a great programming idea you would like to see offered by Slater? We're always looking for new ideas to build community and encourage dialogue and reflection. Email kwebber@wellesley.edu.