Today’s agenda:

• Introductions
• OIA Services
• Important Reminders
• Proposed Regulations
• Q&A
Zoom Webinar Info:

• Will not be using chat.

• Insert questions via Q&A module – upvote!

• Direct personal/specific questions to adviser.
Introductions

• Office of International Affairs (OIA)
  • Navigate U.S. immigration regulations (F-1/J-1)
  • Provide advising services and supportive programming
  • Support the university’s internationalization efforts

• OIA Advising Structure
  • All F/J international students assigned an OIA adviser based on their school or division (e.g. PSD, SSD, etc.)
OIA Advisers

• Amima Diagne – SSD
• Sarah Tolman – The College
• Leah Rosenthal – Booth, SSA, Pritzker, BSD, PME
• Melissa Chin – Professional Education, Graham, Humanities, and Divinity
• Mischa Kasperan – Harris and Law
• Shashi Dyamenahalli – PSD

For contact information, visit OIA website: https://internationalaffairs.uchicago.edu
OIA Services

• Advising services specific to F and J visa regulations
• Autumn 2020 – OIA is available and remote due to the COVID-19 pandemic
  • Advisers available for virtual appointments via phone, zoom, or email
• Supportive programming for the international population
  • Graduate Mentorship Network (in collaboration with International House)
  • Collaborative programs with UChicago GRAD, Career Advancement, Student Counseling and more!
  • Workshops: OPT, travel, U.S. taxes, etc.
Important Reminders

- **Keep immigration documents safe** – maintain both physical and electronic copies!

- **OIA Autumn 2020 Planning Webpage** – dedicated information for F or J students with information about enrollment, arrival, travel restrictions, and more.

- **Beware of Scams!** Many students report receiving telephone calls from individuals pretending to be officials from government agencies. If you get a suspicious call – please reach out to OIA.

- **Learn about campus resources** – there are numerous offices dedicated to supporting students at UChicago who are either here in-person or abroad and remote.
Proposed Regulations

• Duration of Status (D/S) – the proposed rule would eliminate D/S for F and J visa holders and their dependents. Notable within the proposal:
  • Admitted to U.S. for specified periods of time (2 or 4-years) with options and procedures for extensions.
  • Does not impact eligibility for post-graduation employment authorization (OPT or Academic Training)
  • Please note: this is a proposed rule and is not currently in effect.
  • Regulatory process requires comment period, review and revision, final rule (possible legal action)
  • University working with other institutions, professional associations, and others federal relations to determine best course of advocacy.

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Campus and Student Life
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OIA Contact & Communications

• OIA remains open and available virtually

• Connect via OIA website or social media (Facebook and Instagram)

• **OIA News for International Students**
  • Biweekly newsletter sent to your UChicago email address with helpful information and updates, resources, and opportunities.

• **Contact OIA** with questions or concerns
Questions?