

# Office of International Affairs (OIA)

## Autumn 2020 Welcome Webinar

October 8, 2020



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# Today's agenda:

- Introductions
- OIA Services
- Important Reminders
- Proposed Regulations
- Q&A



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# 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>



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# 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.





# 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?



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