Welcome!

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency we cannot welcome you in person, but warmly welcome you virtually! We will be offering our student and scholar orientations virtually, so please see below for details.

Please keep an eye on our COVID-19 Resources [1] for the most up-to-date information.

Orientation Slides

- Student Orientation [2]
- Scholar Orientation [3]

When Should You Check in at OISS?

**New Students**

Students arriving on campus for the Spring 2021 semester will attend a virtual orientation session with OISS. You will be receiving an email from OISS with an invitation for your orientation session, so please check your inbox and look out for this information.

**Faculty, Researchers and International Scholars**

The current health emergency and the subsequent University guidance has caused offices to cancel on-campus meetings. For this reason, OISS is temporarily suspending in person orientation for newly arrived scholars, but we are offering a virtual orientation instead.

**Next Steps**

Newly arrived J-1 scholars, who have DS-2019s issued by Yale University, must report their U.S. address and phone number [4] and submit a New Scholar Check-in request in their OISS Connect account [5]. If you have any questions, email Nathan Duddles. [6] Please complete these steps as soon as you arrive in the U.S.

As a reminder, scholars on F-1 OPT or OPT STEM Extension must report their employment information and U.S. address to the school they graduated from. Instructions for Yale graduates on OPT [7] and instructions for Yale graduates on STEM OPT [8].
Sign up for the OISS Virtual Orientation Session. You will receive instructions on how to do so through an email from OISS Connect approximately 10 days before your arrival in the U.S.. You should choose the orientation closest to your arrival in the United States. Review the new scholar orientation slides [9] advance of your orientation session. We encourage you to read through the information and come to the session with questions. If you have questions please email your OISS adviser [10].

If you are being paid by Yale, you should contact your Yale department administrator about your benefits and employment status, as well as completing the I-9 form [11]. In addition, you will need to apply for a U.S. social security number [12].

Read information about COVID-19 and Yale's operational and accommodations [13]. We look forward to welcoming you in person once the University is past this health emergency.