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## OISS Orientation

### You're Almost Here!

As part of your J-1 visa requirements, all new scholars must complete an orientation program. You can fulfill this requirement by following these steps:

#### Enroll & Complete the Online Course Module in Homebase

Read the [Scholar Orientation on Homebase page](#) [1] for instructions on enrolling and completing this online course module. Upon completion of this online module, you will receive a code that you must enter when submitting your ['New Scholar Check-in' request in OISS Connect](#) [2].

#### Register for & Attend the Zoom Orientation Component

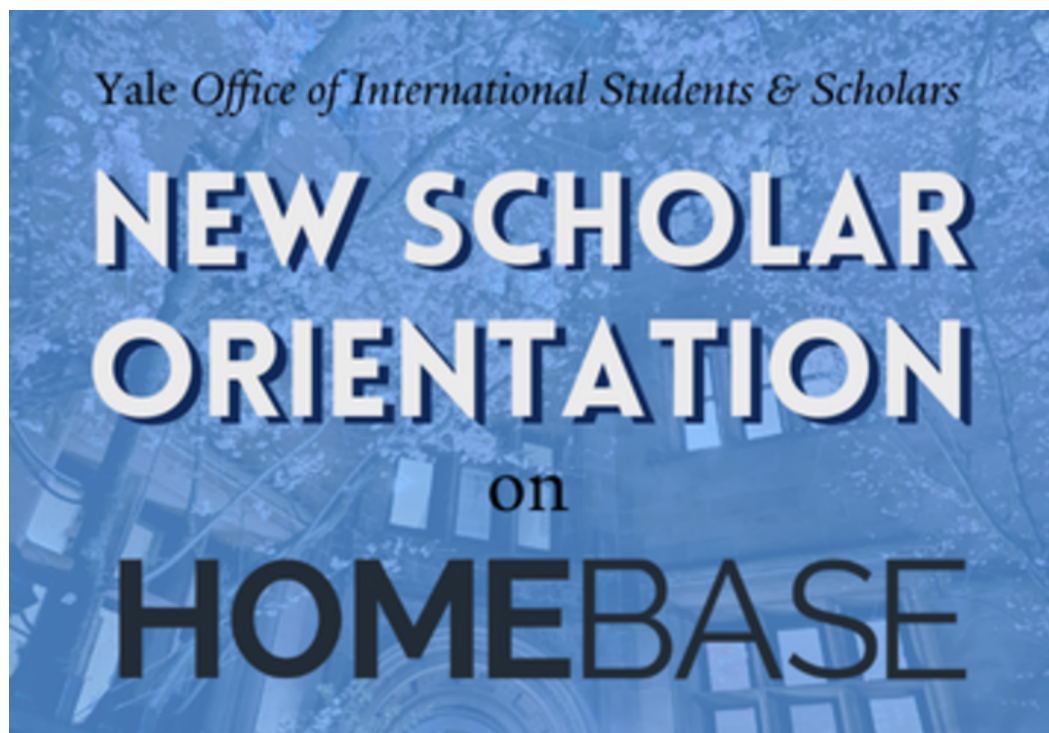
In addition to the online module on Homebase, you must also attend a short Zoom orientation session upon your arrival in the U.S., where you will get a chance to meet some of the OISS advisers and ask any questions you may have after reviewing the online module. These sessions are held the first and third Wednesday of every month at 9am EST.

We also recommend that you sign up for an in-person New Scholar Meetup to meet other new scholars at Yale. These events take place the first and third Friday of every month at various locations across campus.

Signup links for both events may be found in the 'Your Next Steps' section of the Homebase online module. While you can register for both before you leave, please schedule them for AFTER you have arrived in the U.S.

If you have urgent questions before your orientation session, please email your [OISS adviser](#) [3].

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**Enrolling in Homebase**

Homebase is the website that hosts the online course module component of the Scholar Orientation that you must complete to meet J-1 visa guidelines.

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