Important Reminders for May 2021 Graduates

May 15, 2021

We know that you probably have a lot on your mind as you look towards wrapping up your final semester and completing your Yale degree. We wanted to share a few reminders related to your student status. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, let us know. And be sure and stop by OISS on Saturday, May 22nd between 11am and 3pm to pick up your OISS graduation gift. Let us know you’re coming by registering here [1], but if you forget just stop by OISS at 421 Temple St.

- After commencement on May 24th, the regulations no longer permit on-campus employment, as this permission is based on full-time enrollment. If you have applied for OPT (or J-1 academic training authorization) and your Yale position is related to your field of study, you may continue your Yale employment, but only for the dates authorized on the EAD (for F-1 OPT) or in your J-1 Academic Training (AT) authorization.
- If you are going to enroll at another U.S. college or university for additional studies within five months of your program end date, and have not already arranged for this SEVIS transfer, say submit a Transfer Out Request [2].
- If you are leaving the U.S., F-1 status permits a 60-day grace period to prepare for your departure; J-1 students have a 30-day grace period. You cannot work during the grace period.
- It is not too late to apply for OPT or AT. Please click here [3] for details on OPT or here [4] for details on AT.
- For those of you who will be working in the U.S. on OPT, check out the reporting requirements here [5]. If you are working at Yale, you will need to update your I-9 record within three days of your beginning work. If you are not going to be employed at Yale beyond your graduation, there is no need to update your Yale I-9.
- Don’t forget to file your 2020 taxes [6].