Information About Filing Your Taxes for 2019

International students and scholars in the U.S. have certain U.S. tax obligations, including filing an annual federal tax return. OISS sent a detailed email about filing your taxes earlier this week, so please refer to that for more information. A short summary of the information in the mail is below.

If you had no U.S. source income in 2019, you must complete and submit the IRS form 8843. [1]

If you had U.S. source income in 2019, there are a few things you can do now in preparation for filing your 2019 federal tax return.

1. International students and scholars with U.S. source income must have either a U.S. social security number (SSN) or an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). If you had taxable income in 2019 (wages and/or taxable scholarship) and don’t have either an SSN or ITIN, you should submit your application now. F-1 students are eligible for an SSN, if you are working on campus or are a PhD student. J-1 scholars and J-1 students are also eligible for an SSN. For information about the SSN and ITIN, click here [2]. If you are not eligible for an SSN because you are not working on campus, make an appointment with Ozan Say [3] to apply for an ITIN. As soon as you receive either of these numbers, please update your student record with your school's registrar. If you are not a student update your personnel record with the Employee Services. [4]

2. Collect your income statements [5] usually the form W-2 (Yale released the W-2 forms in late January) and/or form 1042-S which is released in mid-March.

3. To access the Sprintax software (a tax preparation software for non-resident tax filers), click here [6]. You will be asked to log on through Yale CAS and then you will be directed to the Sprintax website specific for Yale students/scholars.

4. Sprintax Tax Webinar on Thursday, March 5, 5-6 PM. To join via computer, click here [7]. Note: participation to the webinar is limited to 150 people. OISS will have a recording of the webinar and make it available after March 5.

5. Sprintax Tax Workshop for Non-Resident Tax Filers on Thursday, April 2, 4-5:30 PM at SSS 114, 1 Prospect St. You must register online here to attend [8].

For more information about your U.S. tax obligations click here [9]. The filing deadline for both federal and
state tax returns is April 15, 2020.

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