

SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Dear Students,

Happy Spring Semester! We hope you're settling back into classes and your rooms, connecting with your closest friends, and enjoying this extremely mild winter! This newsletter will review upcoming programs and events, with a spotlight on the upcoming tax season, as well as important reminders related to immigration, travel, and on-campus resources. We hope to see each of you at Slater sometime soon. Please enjoy the house and, as always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes, Karen & Averie

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Working in the U.S.	2/8	12:15pm-1:30pm	LWC 413
Global Tea (Informal Chat)	2/10	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Brazilian Carnival at Babson	2/13	4:30pm-7:30pm	Knight Auditorium
Professor's Tea	2/15	4:00pm-6:00pm	Slater
Global Tea (Informal Chat with your Int'l Student Advisor)	2/17	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Global Tea (Informal Chat)	2/24	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Tax Information Session	2/28	5:00pm-7:00pm	Collins Cinema
Global Tea (With International Faculty Members)	3/2	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Immigration Attorney Visit	3/7	6:00pm-7:30pm	Library Lecture Rm
Global Tea (Informal Chat)	3/9	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Glacier Tax Prep Workshop	3/28	5:00pm -7:00pm	Slater
Marketing your Global Competency (RSVP Required)	3/29	5:00pm-7:00pm	Library Lecture Rm
Global Tea (Get to Know the Center for Work and Service)	3/30	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Global Tea (Informal Chat)	4/6	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Global Tea (Third Culture Kids Discussion/Special Guest)	4/13	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Global Tea (Informal Chat)	4/20	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Global Tea (Games/Study Break)	4/27	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Spring Festival	4/28	early afternoon	Tishman
End of Semester Gathering	5/1	4:30pm-6:00pm	Slater
Global Tea (Informal Chat)	5/4	3:00pm-4:30pm	Slater
Travel Signature Day	5/4	9:00am-4:30pm	Slater

TAXES

Tax Season is coming! Taxes are complicated, especially for international students and scholars. Slater International Center will provide support for you as you try to navigate the U.S. tax system. Remember that the deadline to file your taxes is **April 15th**! It is your responsibility to understand and comply with U.S. tax regulations in a timely manner. Keep your eyes open for more details on our new tax preparation software, GLACIER Tax Prep, and mark your calendars for our **two important upcoming tax programs**:

Tax Information Session

5:00pm to 7:00pm, Collins Cinema

This session will provide an overview of the U.S. tax system, review your tax responsibilities as an international student, introduce the GLACIER Tax Prep software, and provide you with some helpful information and handouts.

GLACIER Tax Prep Workshop

5:00 pm -7:00pm, Slater International Center

This will be an informal and interactive workshop to help you navigate the GLACIER Tax Prep software. Bring your laptop to begin working on your taxes!

IMMIGRATION REMINDERS

Declaring a Major/Updating your Form I-20

If you have recently declared or changed your major, you must request a new Form I-20 to reflect your new major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that your immigration document reflects the most accurate and up to date information about your program of study.

Practical Training (CPT & OPT)

If you are thinking about doing an internship over the summer or if you are graduating in May, you should start learning about your employment authorization options. As an international student you will need authorization to work off campus. Attend the “Working in the U.S.” information session and refer to the employment section on our website for more information.

ATTENTION SENIORS: If you are thinking about remaining in the U.S. after graduation and working in the U.S., it is highly recommended that you attend the “Working in the U.S.” information session.

Travel

If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, you must have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel. For F-1 students, the travel signature is valid for one year and is located on page 3 of your Form I-20. For J-1 students, the travel signature is valid for the duration of your form and is located in the lower left corner of your Form DS-2019. Please carry the following documents when you travel:

- 1) Valid Form I-20 or DS-2019 – with valid travel signature (12 months for currently enrolled students)
- 2) Valid Passport (at least 6 months into future)
- 3) Valid F-1 or J-1 visa
- 4) Proof of financial support
- 5) Current transcript or Enrollment Letter (optional)

If you need a travel signature, you must bring all your immigration documents to Slater International Center during Walk-In Hours. If Walk-In Hours are not convenient for you, you may contact Averie to make an appointment: asesskin@wellesley.edu or (781-283-2082).

RESOURCES & REMINDERS

Host Families – Reconnect with your host family this semester to learn more about North American culture and to share your culture with them too! They would love to hear from you.

Spending Time at Slater – Don’t forget you can always spend time at Slater! Your Wellesley ID gives you swipe access and allows you to come, relax, eat snacks, meet with your friends, or watch movies anytime! Just remember to follow the clean-up guidelines posted and return all DVDs after use. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

Going Global – Check out “GOING GLOBAL” – A new Wellesley College resource that links students to a comprehensive database of international employment opportunities and country-specific information on industries and networks. You can access Going Global through the Information Resources tab in MyCWS or on-campus at: <http://online.goingglobal.com/> *It is recommended that you set up your own account, to save searches and information.*

Dining and Transportation Services *change* during academic breaks. For more information, please contact Dining Services, Residential Life, or the Housing & Transportation office.

For Dining Hours: <http://www.wellesleyfresh.com/hours.html>

For Housing: <http://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/index.html>

For Transportation: <http://www.wellesley.edu/Transportation/>

WALK-IN HOURS

Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Thursdays 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

If Walk-In Hours are not convenient for you, appointments can be made by calling 781-283-2082 (*no same day appointments*).