

On-Campus Student Employment for International Students

International Student On-Campus Work Eligibility

- Most international students are in F-1 or J-1 Status
- F-1 and J-1 status allows students to work on-campus up to 20 hours per week during the fall and spring semester
- Must be in active immigration status
- F-1 and J-1 students may work more than 20 hours per week during break periods
 - Breaks include Thanksgiving, winter, spring break, and summer
- International students in other statuses may be able to work if they have work authorization

On-Campus Work Definition

- A position paid via the Iowa State University payroll
- An approved on-campus commercial firm that provides services to students
 - Examples:
 - Panda Express
 - CyRide
 - Caution: Check with ISSO prior to start of employment with a firm like this to confirm they are designated as on-campus. (Failure to do so may result in a status violation if they are not considered an on-campus employer)
- International students in F-1 and J-1 status must work with ISSO to receive work authorization prior to starting a position off-campus (not paid by Iowa State University)

International Student Employment Dates

- Eligible to begin work up to 30 days before semester start date once they have completed.
 Section 1 of Form I-9 and checked in with ISSO.
- Must complete ISSO I-9 process within 3 business days from first day of employment
- Employment must end no later than end date on student's I-20 or DS-2019 which is normally the last day of classes in the student's final semester
- Work authorization ends on the last day of the semester that they complete their degree requirements or give their oral defense
 - Last day of the semester = Last day of classes
- Students completing one degree and starting a new degree the next semester may continue to work during the break period
 - Example: student completes a bachelor's in May and will start a master's in the fall may work over the summer

ISSO I-9 Process

- 1. The student's position must be finalized in Workday (i.e., approved by the academic department, supervisor, Graduate College, and HR, as applicable)
- 2. Form I-9 Section 1 launches in Workday as the final step of the hiring process
- Student completes Form I-9 Section 1 in Workday on or before first day of employment
- Student completes the rest of the I-9 process in person with ISSO within 3 business days from the start of employment

Obtaining A Social Security Number (SSN)

- International students without an SSN become eligible to apply for an SSN once they are officially hired
- ISSO will provide a supporting letter and instructions for an an SSN application during I-9 process
- 3. ISU hiring department provides official offer letter with employment details
- The student may begin work after I-9 completion and while SSN is processing
- SSN card is mailed to Office of the Registrar and notice is emailed to student about SSN collection
- 6. Student enters SSN in Section 1 of Form I-9 in Workday





Questions?



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