INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS @YALE UNIVERSITY

A general overview of visa sponsorship
Agenda

- Introductions
- International scholars at Yale
- On-boarding issues
- Immigration issues
- Common experiences
- Resources
What is an International Scholar?
• Have Yale academic appointment (not C&T, rarely M&P)
• Not earning a degree at Yale
• Could be a “non-degree student”
• International means “non-immigrant”
• Some are Yale “sponsored” some are not
International Scholars by School, 2011 - 2012

- Divinity School: 15
- Epidemiology & Public Health: 20
- Faculty of Arts and Sciences: 593
- Law School: 33
- MacMillan Center: 42
- Other Units: 73
- School of Architecture: 17
- School of Art: 4
- School of Drama: 16
- School of Forestry and Environmental Studies: 34
- School of Management: 18
- School of Medicine: 1431
- School of Music: 18
- School of Nursing: 9
- Summer Programs: 2
- Yale College: 2
Percentage of International Scholars by World Region, 2011 - 2012

- East Asia: 331 (33%)
- Europe: 771 (33%)
- South-East Asia: 38 (3%)
- Africa: 42 (4%)
- South-Central Asia: 206 (8%)
- South America: 96 (4%)
- Oceania: 33 (1%)
- Middle East: 155 (8%)
- The Caribbean and Central America: 6 (0%)
- North America: 548 (6%)

Total: 1000 scholars
Role of OISS

- Federal compliance
- Scholar orientation, settling-in, spouse and family support
- Utilize international scholar presence
- Advocacy for fairness in visa policy both at Yale and nationally
- Training and support for departments
Other factors effecting scholars

OISS is most often following rules and regulations – not creating them. Here are some of the common rule makers and Gate Keepers:
Immigration Issues

- Yale Sponsored or not
- J-1 vs. other visas
- I-9
- Extensions
- Changes (funding, PI, appointment, etc...)
Two layers of policy:

1. Yale - Academic Appointment
2. Immigration – visa limitations
1. Yale creates and sends original J-1 visa document (DS-2019)

2. Scholar applies at US embassy for J-1 Stamp in the passport


4. At the airport CPB decides if the scholar can enter, as J-1, issues an I-94 record proving all is good
Welcome to Ellucian International Scholar Dossier (ISD).

Use ISD to enter specific biographical and appointment data about your visiting scholars. OISS will use the information you and the scholar provide to ensure proper immigration document issuance. (Extension instructions can be found on the OISS Web site.)

ISD Overview

1. Create an ISD record for your visiting scholar. (Click on the Add New Visitor button below.)
2. Send your scholar an invitation with their username and password. (Click on Tasks when you are in your scholar's record.)
3. Review information submitted by your invited scholars. (Click on the Search for Existing Record button below.)
4. Complete Department requirements: Site of Activity, Appointment, and Funding.
5. Submit the record to OISS for review. (Click on Tasks and then Review and Submit Visitor's Information.)

Add a New Visitor
U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS

1. Family Name: [Redacted]
   First Name: [Redacted]
   Middle Name: [Redacted]
   Gender: [Redacted]

   Date of Birth: 8/11/1987
   Country of Birth: USA
   Citizenship: USA
   Gender: [Redacted]

   Legal Permanent Resident Code: [Redacted]
   Legal Permanent Resident Country: [Redacted]
   Country Code: [Redacted]
   Citizenship Country Code: [Redacted]

   Address: 331 Cedar Street
   City: New Haven
   State: CT
   Zip Code: 06510

2. Program Sponsor:
   Yale University
   Exchange Visitor Program Number: P-1-00140

3. Purpose:
   Short-Term Scholar

   Purpose of this Form: Begins new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.

4. Start and End Dates:
   From: 09-10-2013
   To: [Redacted]

   Sponsor: Laboratory Associate in Digestive Diseases

5. Date of Arrival:
   09-10-2013

6. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM)
   Signature of Responsible Officer
   Name of Office Preparing Form
   Office of International Students & Scholars

   Date: 09-10-2013

7. Exchange Visitor Certification: I have read and agree with the statement in item 7 on page 1 of this document.

   Signature of Applicant
   Date:

   Name: Aaron H. White
   Title: Computer Officer
   Date: 08/02/2013

   Signature of Responsible Officer
   Date:

   Name: [Redacted]
   Title: [Redacted]
Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 66714346
Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): D/S

Details provided on Admission (I-94) form:

Family Name: WON
First (Given) Name: Jae
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 01/01/1951
Passport Number: J1V12345
Passport Country of Issuance: New Haven
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY): 06/15/2013
Class of Admission: J-1

➤ Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).

➤ If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.

➤ Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.
Already inside the US on a visa

- May or may not need Yale’s visa sponsorship
- Employer specific visas – warning!
- Change of visa status application is possible: takes a LONG time
- H-1B visas – very tricky in timing
- Final change approval does not give visa stamp in passport
Not Yale Sponsored:  
F-1 OPT EAD 

Still need an ISD record.  
Any offer of employment must be limited to  
work authorization
On-Boarding Int Scholars

• Unlike international students – no or little orientation
• Employee benefits (e.g. insurance)
• Family matters; children, schools, spouse work, etc…
Resources:

- Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- Your OISS Advisor
- Visa Options
- Appointment Rules
- Funding Rules
QUESTIONS?
Culture Shock - the ups and downs of adjusting to a new environment

1. Anxiety
2. Honeymoon
3. First symptoms of culture shock
4. Initial adjustment period
5. Second low stage of culture shock
6. A sense of balance

"...the balance is attained as one gains confidence in this new environment."
Common experiences

• Thrown into US work-place w/out much orientation
• US work-place culture (mentor, peer, grad students, etc...)
• Language: English skills, PI and peers all work in same non-English language
• Family life: work/family-time balance, spouse pursuits
Common experiences continued...

• Laboratory security clearance (understanding)
• Responsible conduct in research and publication (access to learning/understanding)
• Other?
Resources (for scholars – and for you)

• OISS and the International Center
  – English Conversation Groups
  – Networking Opportunities and Programs
  – Spouse/Partner groups
  – Tax Software

• **Office of Postdoctoral Affairs** John Alvaro
• **YSM Umbuds Office** Merle Waxman
• **Office of Worklife** Susan Abramson
• **Postdoc Advisory Committee** (PAC)
New Scholar Networking Session

Thursday
July 25
8:30am

Scholar Networking
*International Center, 421 Temple Street*

All scholars, postdocs and researchers are invited to join us for a light breakfast, some early morning networking, and an introduction to the many resources available to you at Yale. OISS Staff are joined by an expert panel of scholars that will share their best tips about how to make the most of your time at Yale.

Free; advance registration is appreciated.