



Workshop Series – **Spring 2015**:

## F-1 Optional Practical Training

## F-1 Optional Practical Training: Application Basics

Offered the <u>first Friday</u> of every month (excluding January and September) and other dates as convenient.

Covers topics for students preparing to apply for OPT:

- ✓ Eligibility factors and timing of application
- ✓ Considerations for travel and employment
- ✓ Tips for preparing and mailing the OPT application.

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>
Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>
Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

All sessions 3:00-4:00 p.m. ISSO, 888 Commonwealth Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> FL

## F-1 Optional Practical Training: Transitions (STEM, Cap-Gap)

For students who have already submitted an OPT application and who may already be on OPT.

Covers advanced OPT topics including:

- √ 17-month extensions for students in certain Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields
- ✓ Questions about moving to H-1B employment-based immigration sponsorship
- ✓ "Cap-gap" extensions of status and work permission.

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

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Pre-Registration for these workshops is not required. Space is Limited.

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