International Student & Scholar Services
NEWSLETTER

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Published monthly by International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), a division of the Office of International Initiatives, the International Services newsletter brings you updates on immigration rules and regulations, University services and programs, and conveys opportunities for campus and community involvement.

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1. Need-Based Tuition Waivers
Georgia State University offers need-based, nonresident tuition waivers to qualified international students. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Georgia State University 3.0 Grade Point Average
2. Previously enrolled at Georgia State University for a minimum of one academic year
3. Enrolled in a degree program.
4. Must be within one academic year of completion
5. F-1 or J-1 Immigration status.
6. Must demonstrate financial need, student self-help, and balance of awards from other sources.
7. Students in academic programs that do not distinguish between in-state and out-of-state tuition (Intensive English Program, Global Partners MBA) are NOT eligible to apply for this waiver.

The Summer application deadline is **March 29th by 5pm**.
The Fall application deadline is **May 3rd by 5pm**.
Please refer to the following website for information and applications: http://www.gsu.edu/isss/financial_resources.html.

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2. ISSS Student Survey
ISSS wants to hear from you!! Later this month the ISSS office will be conducting our yearly student survey. We ask that when you receive the survey by email that you take a few minutes to complete it and let us know how we are doing. We encourage everyone to let us know how you feel about our services, good or bad, so that we can work harder to give you the best service possible.

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3. ISAC International Parade of Flags
International Student Associations Council (ISAC) presents an annual kick-off event for the International Spring Festival called the Parade of Flags. Join us as we share our cultural pride on Thursday, March 28th from 11:30am-1pm around campus, with our last stop in Library Plaza. For more information contact Grace Lee at glee15@gsu.edu.

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4. Job Search Seminar for International Students
Are you planning on graduating soon and need to look for a job? Are you curious about how to get a work visa? Come to one of the most important events you can attend to prepare for your job search, the Job Search Seminar for International Students, on Thursday, April 4th from 2-4pm at the University Center room 245. Topics covered will include:
• When and how to start your job search
• Identifying employers who may hire international students
• Using internships and work experiences
• Job search skills and networking strategies
• Understanding the immigration process of going from OPT to H-1B to Permanent Residency (green card)

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5. International Spring Festival: March 28th—April 6th

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6. Atlanta Exploration Tour: High Museum of Art

In collaboration with the Office of Latino Student Services and Outreach (LASSO) and Intercultural Relations, this exhibition features more than 75 works by Friday Kahlo and Diego Rivera, the two central figures of Mexican modernism. Reserve your space by April 4th in the Office of Student Activities, Suite 330 in the Student Center. The tour will take place on Friday, April 12th from 12pm-5pm. Lunch, cost of admissions for trip and transportation will be provided, so it is a FREE event. For more information call 404-413-1580.

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7. Trip to Washington, D.C.

Planning to visit Washington, D.C. as a part of your U.S. Experience? If so, join us for our annual trip to Washington, D.C. from May 7th—11th. We will be leaving on the last day of finals and come back in time for the beginning of Maymester classes. Costs for the trip will approximately be $175-$260, which includes round-trip transportation, hotel accommodations, and trips to tourist attractions such as the US
Capitol, Monticello Thomas Jefferson’s home, Arlington Ceremony, and much more! If you are interested in applying to go on the trip, please email Grace Lee at glee15@gsu.edu. Registration opens on March 26th and please stop by the ISSS Office for more details.

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8. Last Call for V.I.S.A. Leaders!
V.I.S.A. Leaders are needed for Fall term 2013! Being a V.I.S.A. Leader will help you gain leadership experience for your résumé, and it’s also a great way to make new friends and help new incoming international students. VISA Leaders are paid and go through a three-day FUN training course. If you are interested, please visit http://www.gsu.edu/isss/VISA_leader_program.html or contact Grace Lee at glee15@gsu.edu. Applications are due in the ISSS office by Friday, March 15th at 5:00pm.

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9. International Graduation Sashes
Graduating this semester? Consider representing your home country by wearing an international graduation sash with your cap and gown at the commencement ceremony. Sashes can be purchased by students individually at www.visionwear.com.

Allow at least two weeks for shipping in order to receive your sash on time. Sash examples can be seen in ISSS office.

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10. Zumbathon
Think you can handle 2 hours of Zumba? Find out during Zumbathon on Tuesday, March 12th from 5:30-7:30pm in the Main Gym Courts 1 & 2. Ditch the workout and join the party SRC style! For more information contact Stephanie Belcher at sbelcher@gsu.edu.

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11. St. Patrick’s Day is on March 17th
St. Patrick’s Day originated as a religious feast day to mark the anniversary of Saint Patrick’s death in the fifth century. The Irish are best known for observing this holiday. However, over the years St. Patrick’s Day celebrations have become widely popular in the United States, as well as in numerous other countries.

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated in many ways but the most common sighting during this holiday is people wearing green clothing. It’s common to observe shamrocks, a three leafed plant and Leprechauns, a type of fairy in Irish folklore, on display during this holiday. There are many fables and traditions related to St. Patrick’s Day. A common childhood game associated with this March holiday is if you are caught not wearing green on St. Patrick’s Day you’ll get pinched by all those who spot you not sporting the right color!

Atlanta will host its own St. Patrick’s Day parade through the downtown area on Saturday, March 16th at noon. You can find more information regarding Atlanta’s St. Patrick’s Day parade at http://stpatsparadeatlanta.com/.

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