On Campus Employment

F-1 On-campus employment

F-1 students may work up to 20 hours per week on-campus when classes are in session, and over 20 hours per week during semester breaks and during the student's annual vacation term.

Work off-campus must be authorized by an Immigration Coordinator in the Office of International Affairs.

On-campus employment includes work done as a teaching or research assistant as well as jobs in the school library, cafeteria, and administrative offices.

Students may work in restaurants on campus such as Wendy's in the University Hospital, Oxley's in the Fawcett Center and in the Ohio State Golf Course restaurant.

Students may work at Barnes and Noble, the Human Resources office and the Apartments at the South Campus Gateway. They may not work at any other business at the South Campus Gateway.

International students are not eligible for the federal “Work Study” program, which is a form of federal financial aid for domestic students.

On-campus employment is not permitted after graduation until Optional Practical Training (OPT) begins.

Where to find job listings:

- Lincoln Tower: 1800 Cannon Drive
  On the 3rd Floor, outside of the Registrar's Office there are enclosed bulletin boards with job postings. F-1 students will only qualify for part-time wage positions (not work study).
- Click here for On-campus student jobs (non work-study) website.
- Jobs are often available in libraries, The Ohio Union, RPAC, Traffic and Parking, Blackwell Hotel, in academic departments, etc. See the Ohio State webpage for contact information.
J-1 On-campus employment

Federal regulations require any J-1 on-campus employment to be reported to and approved by the Office of International Affairs. In order to make the reporting of such employment more efficient, we have created a J-1 On-Campus Employment Form for you and your campus employer to complete.

The on-campus employment that you are required to report to us includes the following types of employment: Assistantship (GTA, GRA, GAA), Fellowship (with work component), or any other On-Premises Employment (campus dining, library work, etc.).

Any on-campus employment must be reported to International Affairs prior to the employment commencing. On-campus employment may only be authorized for up to 12 months at a time. Employment may continue beyond one year, however the student's employment authorization must be updated every 12 months. J-1 students may only work a maximum of 20 hours per week while school is in session. During semester breaks and authorized annual vacation terms, J-1 students may work an unlimited number of hours per week.

Please submit the J-1 On-Campus Employment Form to the International Affairs front reception desk in Oxley Hall or scan and email the completed form to iss@osu.edu with the subject line: J-1 On-Campus Employment. An immigration coordinator will email you once the form is ready for you to pick up and retain for your records.