

IPO News

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IPO website: www.uidaho.edu/ipo



New Student Orientation Volunteers Needed

August 20-22nd IPO will be hosting new international student orientation and we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Tammi at tammir@uidaho.edu and let her know your availability and how you are interested in helping. We need people to do campus tours, help with check-in and clean up, share about their experiences with cultural adjustment, make copies of immigration documents, help with the IFA welcome dinner and drive the IPO vans for airport pick-ups and activities. We would appreciate your assistance in helping new international students feel at home in Moscow!

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Immigration Updates

Travel Signatures

If you're traveling out of the US, remember to get travel signatures on page 3 of your I-20 (valid for 6 months of travel) or page 1 of your DS-2019 (valid for 1 year of travel) BEFORE you travel. You can also ask for a travel letter, which verifies your student status.

Copies of Documents

If you are traveling out of the country this summer please bring in any new documents or documents that have new stamps so we can copy them for your file. (For example, your new I-94 card or visa or a newly stamped I-20)

Health Insurance

If you have received a SHIP insurance waiver from IPO in the past please remember that you will need to show your renewed insurance plan information for one full year (August 08 to August 09). If you are graduating in December, you will need to show coverage until 12/19 and your I-20 will need to reflect this end date. Michelle Fotopolous will no longer be processing insurance waivers, so please send your information to ipo@uidaho.edu. Also, if you have been granted a SHIP waiver but don't have a signature on file we will be contacting you soon and asking you to come in and sign the form for our records.

Practical Training Workshop (OPT/CPT)

We will continue having OPT/CPT workshops every Tuesday at 10:30am at IPO throughout the summer except August 19th & 27th. If you plan to work in the U.S. after graduation or plan on an internship, you will need to attend a workshop for application materials and to get questions answered. Also, OPT applications can now only be sent in 90 days prior to graduation.

Address Changes

Moving to a new place this summer? Make sure to let IPO know! Email us or come in and give us your new address. You will also want to update your address on VandalWeb.

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Bike Barn & Household Goods Closed	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 IPO rafting trip
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29	30					

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Bike and Household Goods Programs will be closed this weekend. If you need access this week, please contact Glen before Friday.

RAFTING TRIP! Join us for one of our most requested student trips! There are 23 spots available on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$55 and covers transportation and raft rentals. Sign up and pay at the IPO front desk. Also, you will be required to sign a liability waiver.



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SUMMER EVENTS

Saturday June 21– Rafting trip to the Locksaw or Salmon River. See page 2 for more information.

Saturday, July 26– See some of the most beautiful back country in the northwest from an easy downhill bike ride! IFA is planning a bike trip to ride the Trail of the Hiawatha. To sign up, come to IPO with a \$5 deposit. Additional costs will be approximately \$40. At sign up you will receive an itinerary, list of equipment needed and outline of addition costs. If you have not borrowed a bike from IFA, you will need to sign a liability waiver in order to participate.

Thursday, July 31– international students, grad students with international projects and finance

majors are encouraged to participate in an event being planned by Waddell and Reed in Pullman. Over 300 of this investment firm's premier clients will be in Pullman to learn about investment opportunities abroad and on the WSU and UI campuses. Please contact Glen Kauffman if you would like more information on presenting your culture, or presenting areas of growth.

Fri-Sun, August 1-3– “In the footsteps of Polly Bemis” a jet boat trip on the Salmon River including historical tours with the premier scholar of this subject, Priscilla Wegars. Have a hands on experience with artifacts from three museum collections, meet researches on the subject, share an historic dinner, take a thrilling jet boat trip to Polly's homestead and

tour the historic Shepp Ranch. You can even earn one credit in Sociology/Anthropology. Cost is \$155, due at sign up. Sign up at IPO. At sign up you will need to sign a liability waiver and you will receive a trip itinerary, equipment list, outline of additional costs and dates to view the movie “One Thousand Pieces of Gold” prior to 8/1.

August 20-22– New International Student Orientation. See page 1 for information on how you can help out!

August 21st– International Friendship Association annual welcome dinner. 6pm at Shattuck Arboretum. Help is needed to set up, visit with new students and clean up.

Financial Assistance Websites

There are a number of outside sources that provide information on financial assistance to international students. We encourage you to visit the following:

EducationUSA- <http://educationusa.state.gov/centers/>

Institute of International Education- <http://www.fundingstudy.org/index.asp>

International Education Finance Corporation- <http://www.iefc.com/>

Fastweb.com- <http://www.fastweb.com/>

International Education Financial Aid- <http://www.iefaf.org/>

Council on International Educational Exchange- <http://www.ciee.org/>

Edupass- <http://www.edupass.org/>

Your Embassy in Washington DC- <http://www.embassy.org/embassies/>

International Student Organization—http://www.isoa.org/list_scholarships.aspx

International Student Loan- <http://internationalstudentloan.com/>

Latin American and Caribbean countries– The Rowe Fund grants interest-free loans to competent students from Latin American and Caribbean countries to help them finance their advanced studies in accredited universities in the U.S. Leo S Rowe Pan American Fund- <http://www.oas.org/rowe/>