# Welcome to PISA

Purdue International Scholar Assistance

**International Scholar Services** 

### Topics

- What is PISA?
- What are the Services PISA provides?
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- How to work with PISA
  - Where to find resources
  - **How** to submit requests
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- Quick Tips for effective, efficient relationships
  - How to ask questions or receive assistance

# What is PISA

### Office of International Students and Scholars

#### International Student Services

supports internationals enrolled at Purdue in degree or certificate programs, at any level; or incoming "Study Abroad" students

#### International Scholar Services

Supports internationals holding scholarly or professional appointments/roles at Purdue or Purdue affiliates, and their host units



International Scholar Services now comprises BOTH a counseling team and a Scholar Assistance team.

These two teams work together, representing ISS, to move your requests from "idea" to "arrival".

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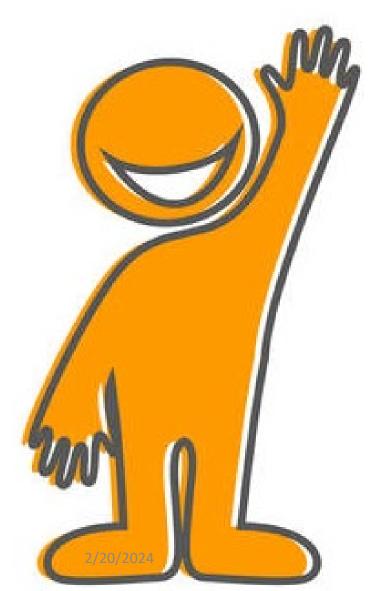
Purdue International Scholar Assistance (PISA)

Leverages knowledge & training of US immigration rules, agencies and trends

Leverages knowledge & training of Purdue policies, systems and organization, and our surrounding community

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### Purdue International Scholar Assistance (PISA)



- Each College is assigned one or more Specialist(s)
  - They will learn the College and you can get to know them
- Deliberately Expansive Access
  - Eliminating / reducing use of MyISS by our customers
  - Expanded web resources
  - Outreach and information sessions
    - Recurring outreach presentations online and in-person
      - "How to host an international postdoc"
      - "How to Invite a Visiting Scholar"
  - Availability
    - In-person "local" office time on rotating basis
    - In-person "ISS" office time (check-ins, arrivals, etc)
    - Virtual "on demand" meeting times

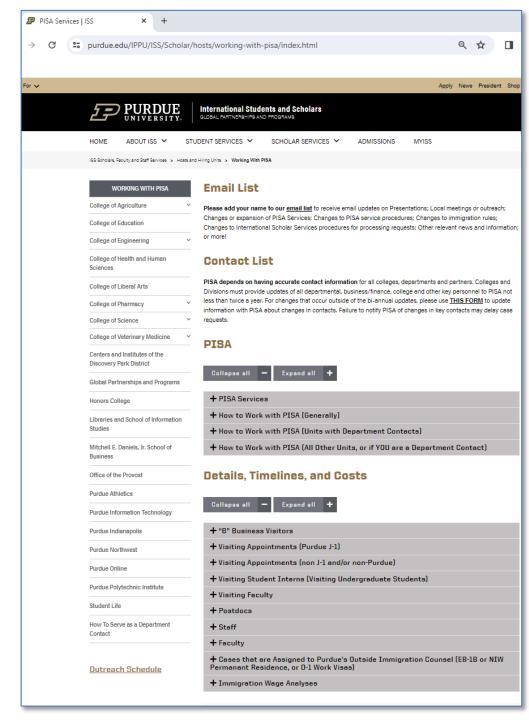
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# PISA Services

#### What are PISA Services?

- PISA
  - Provides the administrative/clerical support
    - Required for requests to the International Scholar Services team for immigration support (research / work visas, permanent residence, etc.)
    - They bridge between departments and the ISS
       Counseling team that provides the legal /
       immigration processing of requests, on behalf of our
       international faculty, staff, postdocs and scholars
  - Ensures compliance with Purdue policies and procedures of partner offices
  - Works to create a welcoming environment for the international by facilitating
    - An efficient ISS experience and
    - A comfortable transition to Purdue

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### What are PISA Services



- Receives "intake forms" from units that provide core data about situations and internationals
- Works with units to reconcile questions, irregularities or concerns about details / requests
- Submit requests to MyISS based on the intake details based on the intake details
- Monitors requests to ensure advancement; responds to counselor questions as needed; develops supporting documents as needed
- Prepares requests for checks for payment of USCIS government fiing fees, foreign education evaluations, etc., and submits to host/hiring unit's Business Office for processing



- Visiting Scholar invitation letters
- Support letters for USCIS petitions
- Support documentation for permanent residence processes
- Employment Verification letters for travel



# -1 Scholar arrivals

- Works with J-1 scholars from the issuance of DS-2019s to arrival on campus to ensure progress through visa processing; submits 'delays' as needed
- Submits R4P to ensure scholars are "in" necessary systems early, to support arrival
- Performs "check-in's" for arriving J-1 scholars to ensure prompt validation in government systems; orients scholar to campus resources



 Engages in outreach and spotchecks for scholar wellness, departmental support, immigration compliance

Scholar wellness/ compliance

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#### What PISA is not...

#### PISA is NOT

- The ISS Counselors
  - PISA provides administrative/clerical support to "intake" requests, but immigration-focused questions must continue to be directed to our International Scholar Services Counselors
- Export Control
  - ISS has no control over screenings / RPS by the Export Controls Office
  - We are a customer of their services, just like you
- Human Resources
  - ISS has no input into Purdue's compensation structure, job families, position descriptions, etc.
  - We comply with the rules, procedures and policies set down by our partners in HR
- Payroll / Tax
  - ISS has no access to Purdue's payroll system
  - We are not tax experts (what the tax situation might be for different internationals in different situations)
- Global Support
  - ISS has no knowledge of whether non-US persons are permitted to work in other countries (under that other country's rules)
  - We have no knowledge of what the impact of having a Purdue employee in that "other country" might be on Purdue
- Support for internal-departmental processes

# How to Work with ISS-PISA

#### How to Work with ISS-PISA

# If you are an international (faculty, staff, postdoc, scholar)

- Everything begins with the website
  - https://www.purdue.edu/ippu/iss/
- What you will find there:
  - Details about different immigration classifications
  - Information for all stages of arrival / stay / departure
  - Information about your immigration and other documents, and how to submit requests to PISA / ISS

#### If you are host / hiring manager

- Everything begins with the website
  - https://www.purdue.edu/ippu/iss/
- What you will find there:
  - Intake Forms
  - Steps and Timelines for different requests
  - ISS Fees and Costs

#### ISS / PISA Website MyISS **Scholar Services** International Students & Scholan X G checklist person - Google Search X + ← → C purdue.edu/ippu/iss/ Find Info For V Apply News President Shop Visit Give Emergency Q v International Students and S GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS ADMISSIONS STUDENT SERVICES Y PURDUF VERSITYClick on International Students & Sch "Scholar Services"

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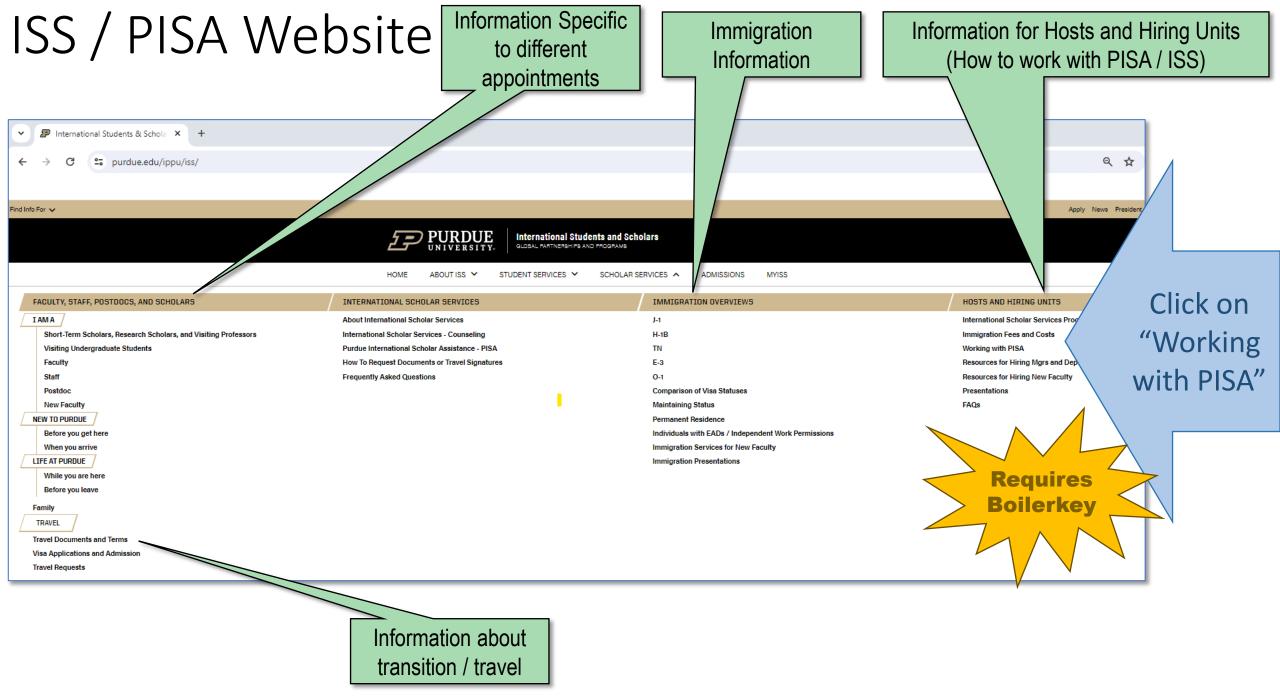
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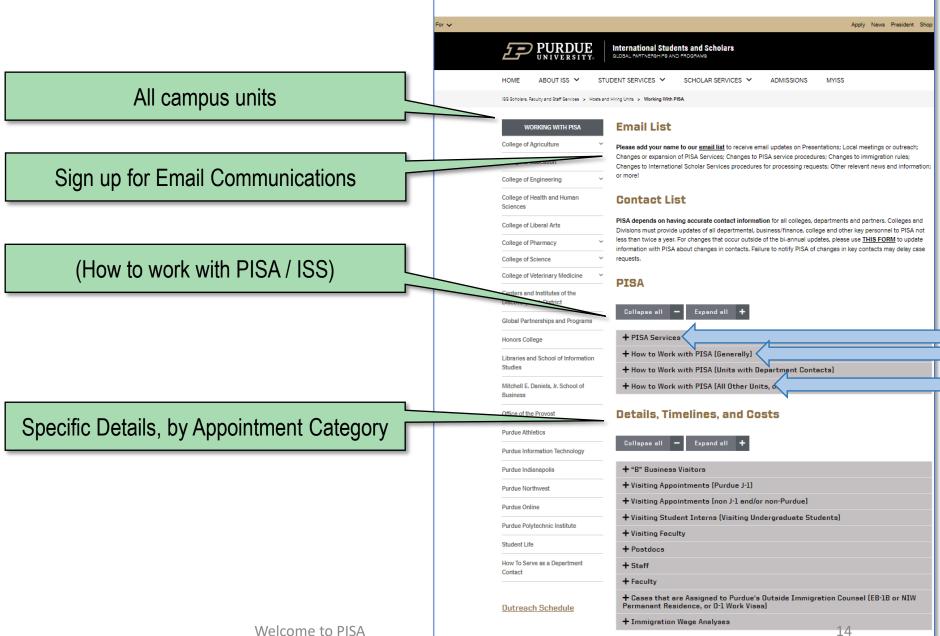
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# ISS / PISA Website



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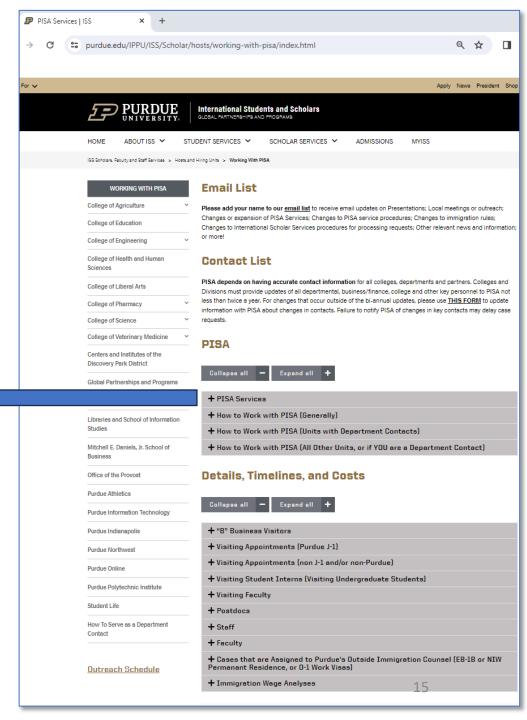
### How to Work with PISA

#### - How to Work with PISA (Generally)

Each College or Division is assigned specific PISA Specialist(s) who manage the ISS-related administrative services for that unit, and who are familiar with the unique needs and concerns of their assigned units.

Each College or Division also will have their own PISA Landing page in this "Hosts and Hiring Units" portion of the ISS website (which is behind a firewall and thus accessible only to individuals with Purdue credentials), where Unit-specific tools, forms, information, and more will be listed:

- The names of the specific PISA Specialist(s), and all the many ways they can be directly contacted
- Unit-specific resources for submitting requests, such as intake forms or support paperwork
- · Details about availability, including
  - o Virtual drop-in meetings
  - o Virtual appointments
  - In-person drop-in meetings and check-in appointments at our offices in Young Hall
  - "Local hours" in the unit's physical space so that scholars, postdocs and others can drop in for questions without having to cross the campus



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#### How to

#### — How to Work with PISA (All Other Units, or if YOU are a Department Contact)

- 1. Click on your College / Division in the menu on the left to access the information for your specific unit.
- Click on the appointment category for the request you are thinking of submitting. The accordion will open to provide
  - A link to a "Quick Summary" that will provide important details about timeline, costs and workflow steps
  - 2. A link to the specific Intake Form needed to initiate the request. The Intake Form has instructions on what to do (signatures, when to submit to PISA, support documents, etc.)
  - A summary of "when" to initiate a request with PISA. The general rule is: the sooner the better.

#### 3. Access the Intake Form

- All Intake Forms currently are fillable Adobe pdfs. We are working on implementing new software that will provide us with the capacity to create user-friendly electronic questionnaires
- You must use the current Form available online. You must not download the form to your desktop and re-use it. Form changes are made from time to time to address changing campus needs or policies.
- In almost all cases, ALL the datafields on a Form are required. If your situation does not seem to fit within the Form's fields, then contact PISA to discuss. Otherwise, incomplete Forms will be rejected.
- 4. Approvals
  - Approval requirements have been established with College / Division leadership
  - Required approvals may be inserted on the Forms either using Adobe Signature, Docu-Sign, or wet signatures; OR email chains with approvals may be attached to the Form
    - There is no need to manually obtain approvals to a Form if
       approvals already have been obtained through internal college
       processes
  - For Visiting Scholars, Host Faculty must sign the attestations to confirm their understanding of these regulatory requirements
  - 4. The Form also must indicate the person completing the Form ie the requestor themselves or a Department Contact

#### 4. Submission to PISA

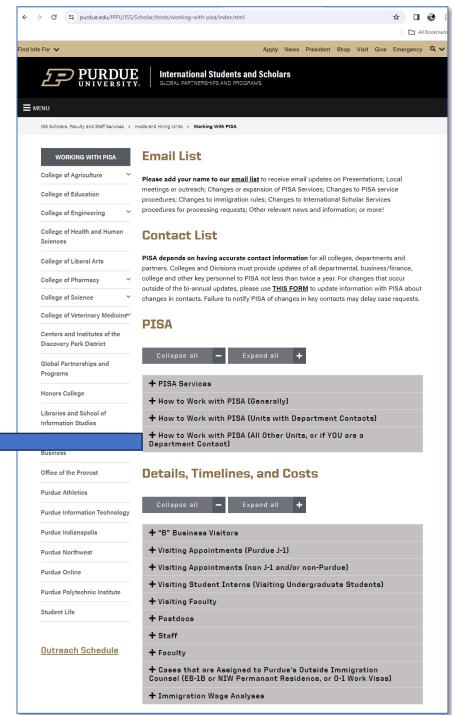
- 1. Once the required Intake Form is complete, submit to PISA
  - Do not cc PISA on the sequence of communications to complete an Intake Form. This only serves to clog the PISA email inbox and slow services / communications with the entire campus
  - 2. Send as ONE email -
    - 1. The fully completed Intake
  - Any external emails or documents evidencing the required approvals, if applicable (and only if the Intake is itself not signed)
  - 3. Any support documents, as listed in the Intake

#### 5. PISA Support

- 1. PISA will confirm the receipt of the Intake within three (3) business days
- 2. PISA logs the details of the request in their own tracking system
- PISA follows up about missing or inconsistent information. Note: incomplete
   Forms will be rejected and will delay processing of your requests.
- 4. PISA submits the request to MyISS for processing by the Counseling team
- PISA follows up with the international, department, and/or assigned
   Cousnelor as needed to advance the request

#### 6. If you have questions or concerns during processing

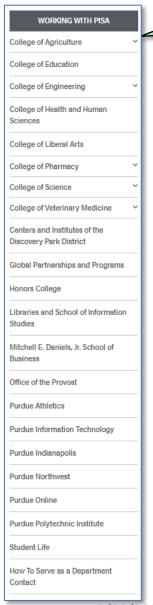
- Email PISA, either at <u>PISA@purdue.edu</u> or the specific PISA Specialist(s) for your unit
- Be aware of normal processing time for your request, as listed in the Ouick Summaries
- Most requests cross multiple offices within the Purdue administrative structure. Be aware of which unit is responsible for what. For example, if the request is undergoing screening with Export Controls, Export Controls is the office to contact for an update, not PISA.
- PISA will respond within 3 business days.



# How to Work with PISA

Step-by-Step

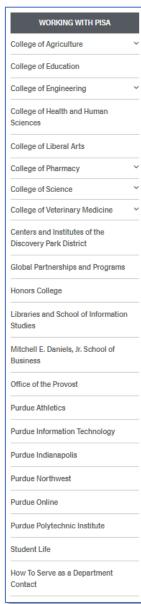
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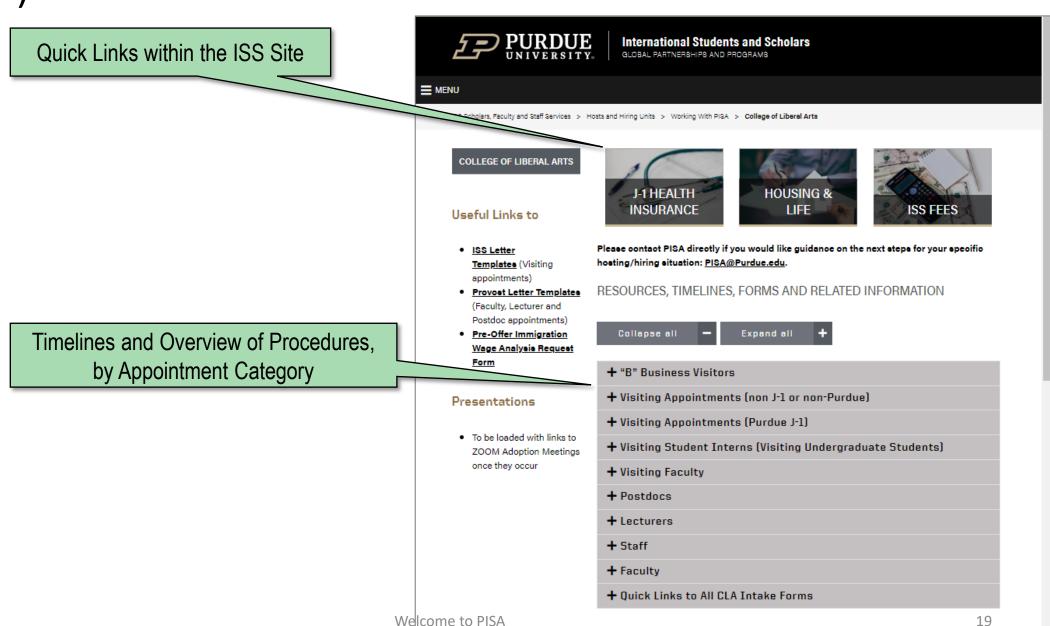


Find your College / Unit

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# Step 1(b): PISA Services



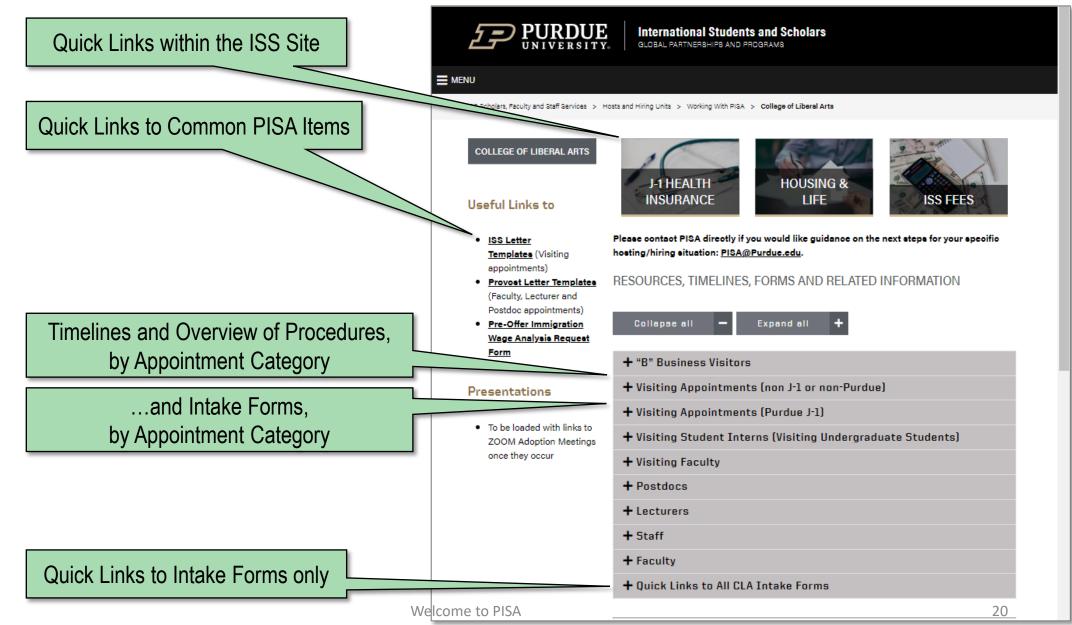


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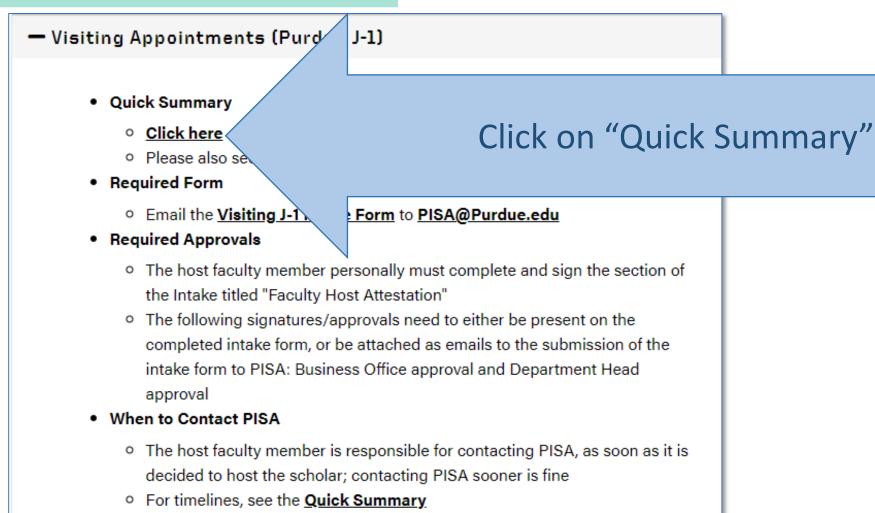


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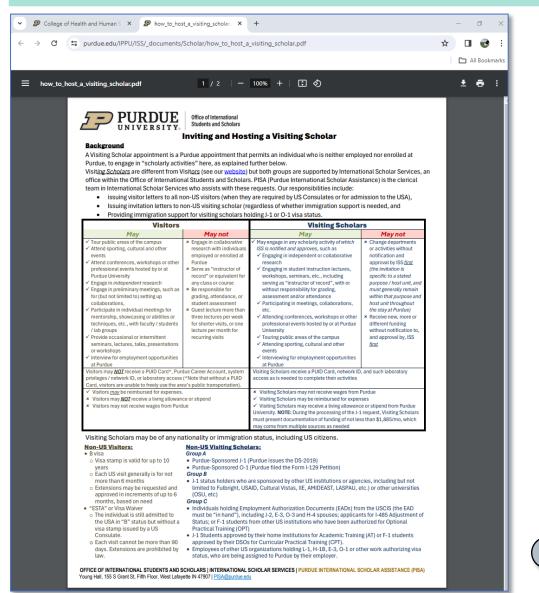
#### Visiting Appointments (Purdue J-1)

- Quick Summary
  - Click here
  - Please also see our "How to Host a Visiting Scholar"
- Required Form
  - Email the <u>Visiting J-1 Intake Form</u> to <u>PISA@Purdue.edu</u>
- Required Approvals
  - The host faculty member personally must complete and sign the section of the Intake titled "Faculty Host Attestation"
  - The following signatures/approvals need to either be present on the completed intake form, or be attached as emails to the submission of the intake form to PISA: Business Office approval and Department Head approval
- When to Contact PISA
  - The host faculty member is responsible for contacting PISA, as soon as it is decided to host the scholar; contacting PISA sooner is fine
  - For timelines, see the <u>Quick Summary</u>

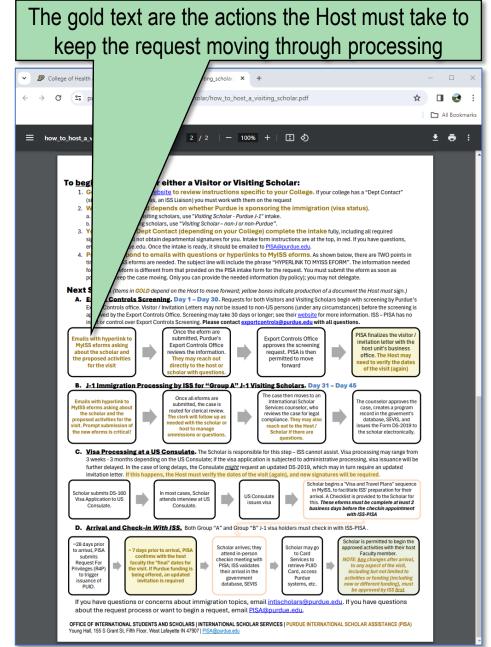
Click on "How to Host"

Step 2b: How to Host a Visiting Scholar

Our Example Situation is a Request for a J-1 Visiting Scholar



A new tab opens in your browser. The guide is a printable and shareable pdf. It includes basic information about what a Visiting Scholar appointment is, possible immigration statuses. And the steps and timelines for sponsoring a Visiting Scholar for a J-1 visa



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NOTE: The intake must be fully completed and fully approved!

Click on the Intake Form

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### Step 3: Complete the Intake

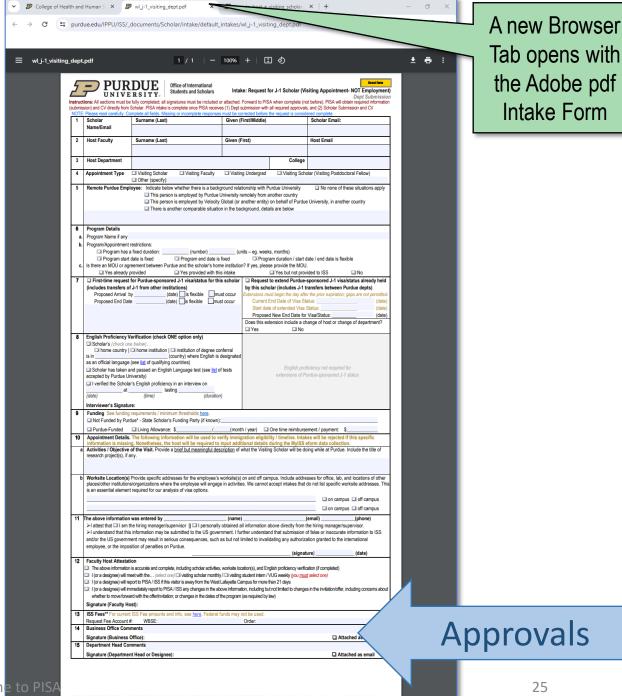
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#### The Intake Form combines information from

- The Host
- The Business Office

The Form lists the required approvals at the bottom. These can be provided by

- Including signatures (wet, Docu-Sign, or Adobe)
- Attaching external documents evidencing approval and checking the box to indicate that you are doing this



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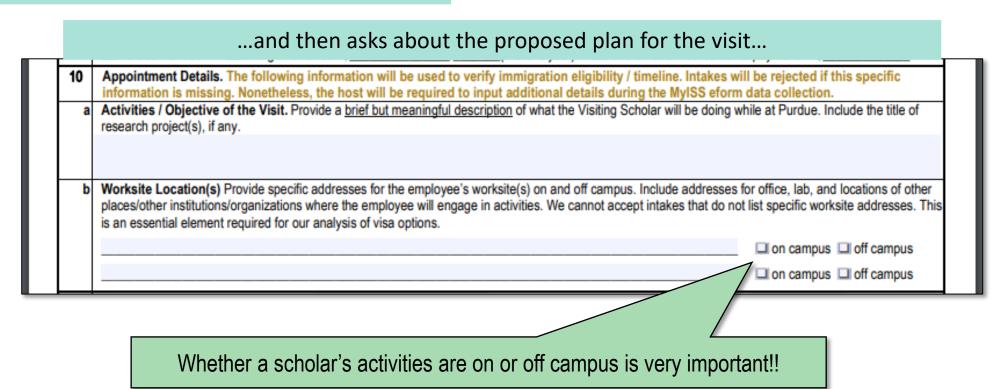
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#### The Form begins by requesting information about the general situation Reset Form Office of International Intake: Request for J-1 Scholar (Visiting Appointment- NOT Employment) Students and Scholars Instructions: All sections must be fully completed; all signatures must be included or attached. Forward to PISA when complete (not before). PISA will obtain required information (submission) and CV directly from Scholar. PISA intake is complete once PISA receives (1) Dept submission with all required approvals, and (2) Scholar Submission and CV NOTE: Please read carefully. Complete all fields. Missing or incomplete responses must be corrected before the request is considered complete. Surname (Last) Given (First/Middle) Scholar Scholar Email: Name/Email Given (First) Host Faculty Surname (Last) Host Email Host Department College ☐ Visiting Scholar ■ Visiting Faculty ☐ Visiting Scholar (Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow) Appointment Type ■ Visiting Undergrad Other (specify): Remote Purdue Employee: Indicate below whether there is a background relationship with Purdue University No none of these situations apply ☐ This person is employed by Purdue University remotely from another country This person is employed by Velocity Global (or another entity) on behalf of Purdue University, in another country ■ There is another comparable situation in the background, details are below **Program Details** Program Name if any Program/Appointment restrictions: Program has a fixed duration: (number) (units - eq. weeks, months) Program start date is fixed Program end date is fixed Program duration / start date / end date is flexible c. Is there an MOU or agreement between Purdue and the scholar's home institution? If yes, please provide the MOU. Yes already provided Yes provided with this intake Yes but not provided to ISS □ No

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	It then asks questions relating more sp	ecifically to the desired J-1 status
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8	English Proficiency Verification (check ONE option only)  Scholar's (check one below)  home country   home institution   institution of degree conferral is in (country) where English is designated as an official language (see list of qualifying countries)  Scholar has taken and passed an English Language test (see list of tests accepted by Purdue University)  I verified the Scholar's English proficiency in an interview on at lasting (duration)  Interviewer's Signature:	English proficiency not required for extensions of Purdue-sponsored J-1 status
9	Funding See funding requirements / minimum thresholds here.  ☐ Not Funded by Purdue* - State Scholar's Funding Party (if known):	
	☐ Purdue-Funded ☐ Living Allowance: \$/(mont	h / year)   One time reimbursement / payment: \$

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#### And finishes by collecting information required for regulatory or Purdue policy purposes

11	The above information was entered by	(name)	(email)	(phone)	
	➤I attest that □ I am the hiring manager/supervisor    □ I personally obtained all information above directly from the hiring manager/supervisor.				
	>I understand that this information may be submitted to the US government. I further understand that submission of false or inaccurate information to ISS				
	and/or the US government may result in serious consequences, such as but not limited to invalidating any authorization granted to the international				
	employee, or the imposition of penalties on Purdue.				
			(signature)	(date)	
12	Faculty Host Attestation				
	The above information is accurate and complete, including scholar activities, worksite location(s), and English proficiency verification (if completed)				
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### Step 4: Submit the Intake Form to PISA

Our Example Situation is a Request for a J-1 Visiting Scholar

The instructions for the Intake Form are at the top of the page



Office of International Students and Scholars

Intake: Request for J-1 Scholar (Visiting Appointment- NOT Employment)

Dept Submission

Instructions: All sections must be fully completed; all signatures must be included or attached. Forward to PISA when complete (not before). PISA will obtain required information (submission) and CV directly from Scholar. PISA intake is complete once PISA receives (1) Dept submission with all required approvals, and (2) Scholar Submission and CV NOTE: Please read carefully. Complete all fields. Missing or incomplete responses must be corrected before the request is considered complete.

Intake Forms should be sent to PISA <u>only once fully completed</u>.

Send one email with all items:

- Completed Intake
  - Attached approvals, if the Intake does not include signatures in Rows 13 onwards
- Any additional documents you think are relevant
  - "Pre-invitations"
- Email to <u>PISA@Purdue.edu</u> or your assigned PISA Specialist

Intake Forms collect *enough* information for PISA to categorize and launch the request.

MORE information and documents always will be needed, and must be provided direct from the source

### Step 4: Submit the Intake Form to PISA

- The biggest problem we see is Intakes being submitted while incomplete
  - Please be sure to complete all fields in the Intake Form
  - You must obtain all signatures in the Intake Form
  - Submitting an incomplete Intake Form <u>does not accomplish anything</u>
    - It does not "start the clock" on the request
    - It does not move responsibility for the request to PISA because what we have received is fundamentally insufficient for us to do our work
  - We cannot start work on anything until we have all the needed details and all the required approvals!!

# What PISA Does Next

#### Review

- PISA reviews the Intake forms for
  - · Completion, and
  - Consistency
- If questions arise, they reach out directly to the person with the best knowledge
  - Business Office
  - Host/Hiring Manager
  - The International
- PISA might also raise concerns about timeline, if the dates listed in the request do not fit within ISS default timelines (as published online in the Quick Summaries)

### MyISS

- The Intake Form gathers sufficient information to
  - Identify the likely request
  - Identify whether common obstacles to that request are present in the situation
- It does not
  - Gather all the information required by law for eligibility for the requested immigration benefit
  - Gather all the required documents
- PISA initiates the process for gathering the next phase of information and documents in an online system called MyISS

### MyISS

- PISA submits information into the online immigration portal MyISS
- This triggers emails from MyISS (intlscholars@purdue.edu) to
  - The scholar / beneficiary / international employee, and
  - The host / hiring manager
- The MyISS emails contain hyperlinks to additional online questionnaires (eforms)
  - The international and the host/hiring manager must watch for these emails
    - Until the eforms are submitted, case processing by International Scholar Services cannot begin
- PISA / Intlscholars monitors the case for advancement
  - We know the world has too many emails already
  - PISA / IntlScholars will send follow-ups if eforms seem to be stuck

### Examples of MyISS Emails

#### Office of International Students and Scholars

Invitation Letter Request for Carlos Eduardo Atencio Torres: MyISS e-form Department Plans for International Visitor

Dear Daniel Aliaga:

The Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) has received a request from your department ISS liaison to issue an invitation letter for Carlos Eduardo Atencio Torres at your request. Please use the link below titled 'Department Plans for International Visitor' to provide the information needed from you.

If you have any difficulty accessing the link below, there are two solutions:

- Clear your browsing history, including temporary internet files, cookies and passwords. If you need instructions how to do so, please contact ITaP (49-44000)
- Another solution is to try opening the link in a browser you don't normally
  use by right-clicking on the link to copy the hyperlink and paste the address
  into the browser.

If you still have difficulties, please reply to this email describing your difficulties and included a screenshot if you can.

Please follow the link below to provide the information needed from you for this

Department Plans for International Visitor

Client Name: Carlos Eduardo Atencio Torres Client ID Number: %universityid% Your Login ID: aliaga@cs.purdue.edu

Your Password: 5D209D3-E9

After completing this e-Form, please retain this email until the invitation letter is approved in case additional information is needed regarding this request. Let us know if you have any questions.

Office of International Students and Scholars

Tel: 765-496-0653 Email: issec@purdue.edu

Web: http://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS

#### Office of International Students and Scholars

Pratik Yadav: Professor Review of International Scholar Request

Dear Herman Sintim:

The Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) has received a request to invite Pratik Yadav to Purdue for a teaching and/or research experience under your supervision/direction. Please use the link below titled 'Professor Review of International Scholar Request' to provide the information needed from you.

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If you still have difficulties, please reply to this email describing your difficulties and included a screenshot if you can.

Please follow the link below to provide the information needed from you for this

Professor Review of International Scholar Request

Client Name: Pratik Yadav Client ID Number: %universityid% Your Login ID: hsintim@purdue.edu

Your Password: 2503CB0-69

We have eliminated the "Professor Review" for Initial J-1 Scholar Requests (not VUGS or Extensions).

Email Subject
Lines now
include
"HYPERLINK
TO EFORMS"
to help ensure
Scholars and
Hosts "notice"
the email

The hyperlinks

#### ISSConnect: Purdue International Scholar Request

Dear Amanda Thompson:

Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) has received a request from a Purdue department for a document required to apply for a J-1 visa. The link below titled 'Purdue International Scholar Request' provides access to e-forms you must complete as part of this request.

As part of this, you must access a fillable pdf online <a href="here">here</a>, initial your understanding of all statements, and then date, print your name, and sign at the bottom. This form must be uploaded as part of the eforms listed above. It also is a resource for you explaining the rules relating to the J-1 visa status being requested. (The link to the form

is <a href="https://dev.www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/\_documents/Scholar/">https://dev.www.purdue.edu/IPPU/ISS/\_documents/Scholar/</a> intake/default intakes/wl ischolar attestations fillable.pdf.)

If you have any difficulty accessing the link below, there are two solutions:

- Clear your browsing history, including temporary internet files, cookies and passwords. If you need instructions how to do so, please contact your institution's technological assistance staff.
- Another solution is to try opening the link in a browser you don't normally use by right-clicking on the link to copy the hyperlink and paste the address into the browser.

If you still have difficulties, please reply to this email describing your difficulties and include a screenshot.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please click on the

Purdue International Scholar Request

Client Name: TEST40004 Assistant Professor

Client ID Number: \*\*\*\*0004

Your Login ID: amandaa1967@gmail.com

Your Password: ADECDB5-80

After completing this e-Form, please retain this email so that you can access it later in case additional information is request.

Office of International Students and Scholars

Tel: 765-496-0653

Email: <a href="mailto:intlscholars@purdue.edu">intlscholars@purdue.edu</a>
Web: <a href="mailto:http://www.iss.purdue.edu">http://www.iss.purdue.edu</a>

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This email message, including all attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipients and may contain confidential and privileged information.

#### **Emails sent to Hosts/Hiring Managers**

#### **Emails sent Scholars**

### International Scholar Services Counselors

- Once the eforms are submitted, the International Scholar Services counseling team has the information and documents they need to
  - Fully assess eligibility for the immigration benefit
  - Identify the best strategy for the paperwork, if applicable, and
  - Draft the government forms
- J cases first go to clerical review within the IntlScholars team
  - The clerk might identify remaining details that require clarification or documentation, and if so, sends requests relating to these omissions
- Once the clerical review is complete, the case goes to an International Scholar Services counselor
  - The counselor might identify remaining details that require clarification or documentation, and if so will send requests relating to these omissions
- Questions sometimes arise at this stage
  - A Counselor, or PISA, might reach out with questions or requests for additional documents
- If everything is complete, the counselor will generate the immigration paperwork in question (in this example, the DS-2019)

### But Wait! There's More!

# There is still much work to do even after the immigration paperwork (DS-2019, I-797 approval) is issued

- 1. The clerical team issues the document to the international
  - 1. DS-201s are issued electronically
  - 2. I-797 approvals are shipped if the international is outside the USA; otherwise, they are provided when the international arrives on campus
- 2. The International then moves onto a tracker for arrival at Purdue and is monitored for progression along that tracker
- 3. PISA reaches out to the Scholar (and Department) throughout their transition

# Who Does What, within a given ISS Request?

PISA	Counseling Team		
<ul> <li>Understands Purdue policies, campus systems and processes, and International Scholar Services procedures, services and needs</li> </ul>	Understands US laws, agency policies, procedures and adjudicatory trends, and Purdue policy		
<ul> <li>Selects the correct IntlScholar Service for the request received, based on the documents and Intake information</li> <li>Works with the host/hiring manager to clarify any missing or inconsistent information</li> <li>Works with the international to collect preliminary information</li> <li>Ensures required approvals are in place, based on the appointment category</li> <li>Submits all required documents and information to MyISS</li> <li>Receives and answers/routes questions from IntlScholar Counselors, and from host/hiring managers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Verifies eligibility / suitability for the requested immigration classification based on the full scope of details and documents obtained via MyISS</li> <li>Works with PISA, Business Office, and/or Host/Hiring Manager to clarify any missing or inconsistent information</li> <li>Works with the international to collect missing or additional information or documents</li> <li>Ensures required approvals / screenings are in place, based on the appointment category</li> <li>Develops government paperwork, legal arguments, or other forms based on the immigration classification in question</li> <li>Receives and answers/routes questions from PISA, host/hiring manager, and others</li> </ul>		
Collaborative Process to finalize the immigrat	tion paperwork needed and close the request		
<ul> <li>Prepares and shares report(s)</li> <li>Provides case status updates on demand</li> </ul>	Provides case status updates on demand		

# Tips for Working Effectively with PISA

## Do's and Don't's for Working with PISA

#### DO!

- Utilize the Website for information
  - Especially the College Web Resource Page
- Access the current Intake Form from the website to begin your request
  - If you have questions about which Intake to use, email PISA to ask first!
  - Please do NOT submit old Intakes that you have saved to your Desktop – that only creates a situation where information is missing and follow-up is needed
- Send ONE email with the Intake Form and any attachments, documents or other information
  - Once the intake is complete and all approvals are obtained
- Ensure PISA is aware of your timeline or other needs
  - And understand the default timeline for your request, from the ISS website "Quick Summary"

#### (Please) Don't!

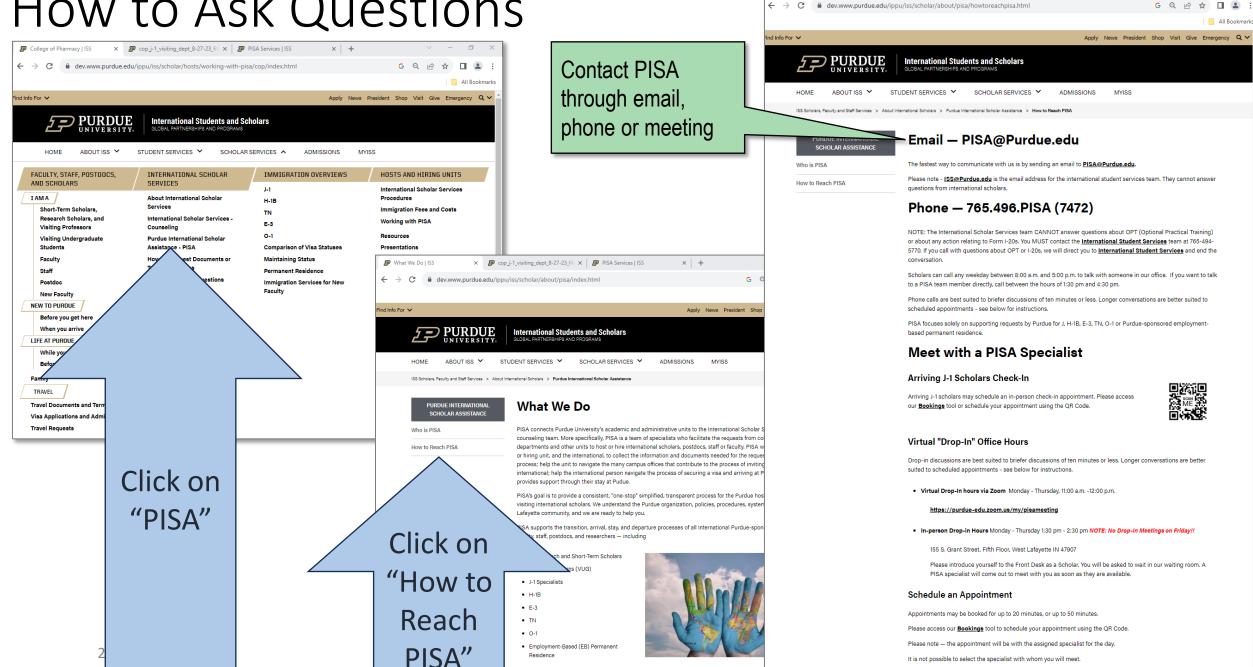
- cc PISA on email communications within the department while accumulating information or documents for the Intake
- Send incomplete Intake Forms
- Omit required documents, approvals or information
- Email for status updates more often that the default timeline/workflow for your request moves, or more frequently than PISA default response times
  - If the case appears stuck or overdue and you urgently need an update, consider using a virtual meeting time

# Do's and Don't's for Working with PISA

#### DO!

- Be collaborative with PISA
  - Like you, PISA's goal is to move through the request as quickly as possible, and to support the international and the department to the best of our abilities
- Be patient / be kind
  - This is an entirely new administrative structure, and as anticipated/discussed in Spring, there are inevitably growing pains when an institution undertakes this sort of change. Please recognize that we are all navigating the transition together
- Be supportive
  - Provide full information
  - Follow the procedures online and in this presentation
  - Help PISA to help the international and the department in their goals

### How to Ask Questions



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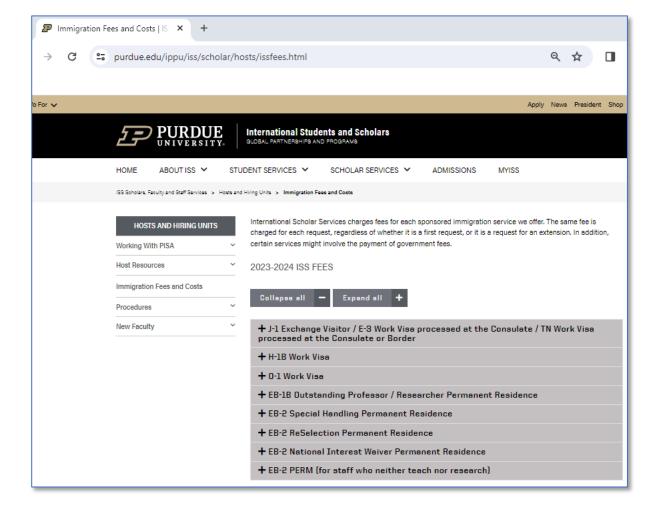
### How to Ask Questions

- To ensure the most efficient response, include the following information (if asking via email:
  - In the Subject Line:
    - The full name of the international for whom the request is being submitted
  - At the TOP of the email:
    - The full College / Department name
    - Whether the question is being asked on a "RUSH" basis or not, and if it is RUSH, why
  - In the body of the email
    - Ask the question clearly
      - If you are forwarding an email chain, copy and paste the question(s) at the top of the email.
        - If possible, don't make the PISA Specialist rummage through an endless number of emails, some of which might have no relevance to the issue at hand
  - At the bottom of the email
    - Your full contact information
      - The email address to which you want a response
      - Your phone number, in case we need to talk through the question before we can respond
      - Your availability, if you are going to be out of the office or otherwise inaccessible for a time

# ISS Fees

### **ISS** Fees

- The 2023-2024 ISS Fees are posted on our website, along with all other fees and costs that might arise as part of a request
- The 2024-2025 Fee Rates will be posted later this Spring, and will be effective July 1
- All Services, regardless of whether it is the first time a service is provided, or an extension, have an associated ISS Fee that must be paid



### **ISS** Fees

- When PISA receives a request (receives the Intake Form), they will transmit to the department a Fee and Filing Statement
  - Confirms the case details
  - Confirms the case type (J-1 Research Scholar)
  - Confirms the costs
    - ISS Fee
    - Other costs
    - Government Fees if any

Fee and Filing Statement 1 Name and Email of Employee being Sponsored Mickey Mouse 2 Host / Hiring Manager Donald Duck 3 College / Hiring Unit Disney Studios / Pixar Productions Fees, Costs and Expenses for the Requested Services with the Internation Research / Exchange Visa Select only ONE choice J-1 Short-Term Scholar Research Scholar VUG / Student Intern ~\$35 Other Costs Govt Fees Consulate / Border Processing Default ISS processing is 3 weeks. Border processing generally occurs the same day the request is presented by the foreign worker to the border. Consular processing times depend on the consulate in question. E-3 (Consulate) 0 TN (Consulate / Border Processing) Default ISS processing is 2 months. Regular USCIS processing vary wildly, but usually range between 2 and 6 months \$1,250 H-1B1 (Chilean) H-1B1 (Singaporean) \$500 (1st time E-3 (USCIS petition) \$2,500 (rush) TN (USCIS petition) Labor Certification - Based Petitions Cases involve two submissions (in sequence) to the US Dept of Labor, and then one submission to USCIS, before the individual can appl to adjustment status to permanent residence. ISS processing of each stage of paperwork averages 3 months. DOL processing currently averages 18 - 24 months. Regular USCIS processing ranges between 2 and 6 months. ISS Fee \$700 (all) EB-2 Special Handling for faculty and teaching staff ~\$35 \$2,500 (rush) \$700 (all) EB-2 Re-Selection for faculty and teaching staff (per ISS instructions) \$2,500 (rush) \$700 (all) EB-2 Labor Certification for staff \$2,500 (rush) Based on Individual Accomplishment and Impact to the Field Cases involve one submission to USCIS, before the individual can apply to adjustment status to permanent residence. ISS processing of the USCIS submission averages 3 – 6 months. Regular USCIS processing ranges between 2 and 6 months **Govt Fees** \$700 (all) EB-2 National Interest Waiver \$2,500 (rush \* Applicants for work visas must pay application fees at the US Consulate or land border to the USA. These are personal to the individual. Purdue policy does not permit payment or reimbursement of these fees. The specific fee depends on Dept of State reciprocity rules based on the applicant's citizenship. \*\* Re-Selection requires the placement of a single, 30-day posting with a scholarly journal or comparable online academic job search site. The Chronicle of Higher Education qualifies as such as posting location. the Labor Certification requires a "Labor Market Test" to confirm that there are no minimally qualified American workers ready willing and available for the opportunity. The nature of the labor market test is set by regulation. The cost of running the labor market test depends on a variety of factors but generally averages \$4,000 or more 5 Premium Processing ("Rush" Fee) Premium processing service (for an additional fee of \$2,500) guarantees a response from USCIS within 15 calendar days of filing. A response may be either an approval or a request for evidence ("RFE"). If an RFE is issued, USCIS will issue its final decision within 15 calendar days of receiving NOTE: Premium Processing applies only to USCIS petitions ("Work Visas" and "Permanent Residence" above). Premium processing is not applicable to J-1 Exchange visas, and is not applicable to Dept of Labor processing. Premium processing does not change ISS processing times. 155 bases our processing times on our total caseload. The ISS Counselor assigned to the case will discuss the issue of premium processing with the Dept before filing, after PISA submits to MyISS. Host/Hiring Manager and Department Agreement By continuing this request, the Host/Hiring Manager and the Department -√ Agrees to the ISS Fees, costs and government filing fees associated with the requested service. ✓Agrees to the International Scholar Services office preparing and/or signing government form(s) for the foreign worker, based on the information

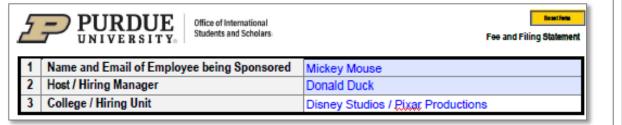
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Agrees to the submission to the US government of (i) the information and documents collected from the department and foreign worker, and (ii)

provided by this department to PISA / ISS through intake forms and MyISS eform submissions; and

the government forms prepared and signed by ISS, based on that above-mentioned information and document

## Fee and Filing Statement



#### 5 Premium Processing ("Rush" Fee)

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The ISS Counselor assigned to the case will discuss the issue of premium processing with the Dept before filing, after PISA submits to MyISS.

#### 6 Host/Hiring Manager and Department Agreement

By continuing this request, the Host/Hiring Manager and the Department -

- ✓ Agrees to the ISS Fees, costs and government filing fees associated with the requested service
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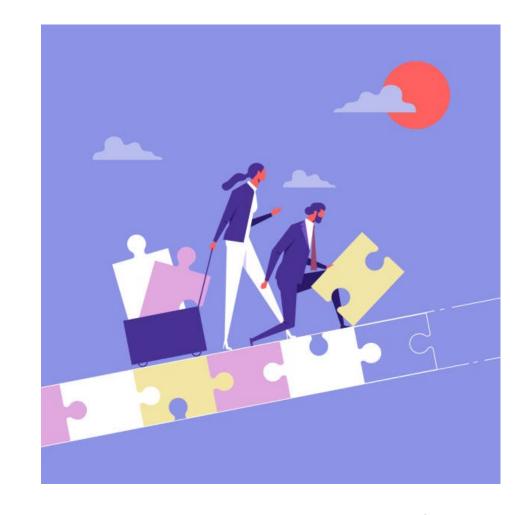
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# Feedback

### Feedback

- Our office understands there is a lot of transition occurring, on campus and within your unit
  - ISS and PISA are hopeful that this early adoption will alleviate some of the stress of the other transitions
- We are in essence using the bridge while we still are building it
  - We encourage and appreciate positive feedback that will enable us to provide better service
- While ISS and the new PISA team are perfectly capable and perfectly enthused...
  - In all likelihood, there will be moments that will not be perfectly perfect
- Please bear with us as we learn and grow
  - In the end there will be a system and service that will be well worth a few intervening bumps



# Questions?

If you have questions, please email <a href="mailto:pisa@purdue.edu">pisa@purdue.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:thomp557@purdue.edu">thomp557@purdue.edu</a>