OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) coordinates programs and services for non-immigrants and immigrants with departments and student organizations to provide activities that enhance cultural, social and personal development.

Legal regulations governing students and scholars are complex and there are severe consequences for non-immigrants who fail to comply with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) regulations regarding work. These consequences can include deportation from the United States.

The International Students and Scholars Office is located in Room 221 Murphy Hall. The building is located at the corner of Market Street and S.G. Thomas Drive, near the Williams Cafeteria Complex. Please call (336) 334-7551 or e-mail: isso@ncat.edu for questions or additional information.

The International Student Association (ISA) is a dedicated group of students representing international students by participating in a variety of activities in the Greensboro community. Visit the ISA website: www.ncat.edu/~isa.

Verifying Status

All international (foreign-born) students are required to verify their immigration/residency status as part of the admission process. Visiting students must report any change in immigration status and/or address to the International Students and Scholars Office (Room 221 Murphy Hall) of any change in immigration status and/or address. Please visit ISSO website at www.ncat.edu/~isso or contact staff at (336) 334-7551.

Foreign-born students with immigrant status applying to attend or continuing in attendance at North Carolina A&T must be reviewed/approved by the Immigration Petition or Application Office at the USCIS (Department of State or the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS)).

At the beginning of each semester, the ISSO offers a mandatory orientation for new international students. Attendance at orientation is required. All non-immigrant students must report changes in immigration status within fifteen (15) days of the change to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS). There is a fifteen (15) day reporting requirement imposed by the BCIS.

Enrollment Requirements

All non-immigrant student (F and J) visa holders are considered and classified as “non-resident/out-of-state students and are assessed out-of-state fees. It is the responsibility of each non-immigrant to maintain legal status while at North Carolina A&T. Non-immigrant enrollment requirements must be discussed with ISSO staff and must have ISSO approval before changes are implemented.

Employment

F-1 non-immigrants are not eligible to work off-campus without approval from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS). F-2 and H-4 non-immigrants are not eligible to work in the United States. F-1 non-immigrants are eligible to work up to 20 hours per week on campus. Work affiliated with assistantships, tuition and fees, and summer session is considered on-campus employment. Work compensation is determined by the department/program and is binding to the 20-hour privilege.

Prior to accepting on-campus work and compensation, non-immigrants must apply for and receive a social security number. In addition, all students and scholars receiving income within the United States must file State and Federal income taxes.

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