Friday, September 1 2023

This is your ISSS weekly newsletter. Please read this newsletter every Friday for important reminders, updates, and upcoming events you may be interested in.

There are no classes on Monday, September 4 (Labor Day). ISSS will also be closed that day.

ISSS Announcements:
- ISSS Advising Hours- Fall 2023
- Full-time Registration Hold Starts this Weekend
- Arrival Reporting EForm & Orientation Make Up (for New Students)
- Cultural Connections Buddy Reception & Welcome Party Today! (September 1)
- Coffee with the Dean (Sept 7)

Other Announcements/Upcoming Events:
- Library Workshops for International Students (ongoing)
- NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship Program
- Student Participants Needed for Research Study (Proccoli)
- Student Participants Needed for Dissertation Study

ISSS Advising Hours- Fall 2023

Walk In Advising Hours, In-Person or by Phone (518-591-8172)

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 1:00-3:30pm
No appointment needed, just visit Science Library G-40 or call 518-591-8172

Student and scholars can also email ISSS@albany.edu for assistance. The email inbox is monitored Monday-Friday during business hours.

Please allow up to 5-7 business days for processing of any EForm requests. There is no expedite process, but you can help ensure efficient processing of your case by carefully reviewing all form instructions and submitting a complete request.

Full-time Registration Hold Starts this Weekend

F-1 and J-1 students must enroll full-time or seek approval for a DHS/ISSS authorized reduced course load in order to maintain F-1 and J-1 status while enrolled less than full-time. For undergraduate students 12 or more credits is full-time. For graduate students 9 or more credits is full-time.

Students may only drop below full-time enrollment after they are approved for an authorized reduced course load by the ISSS office (review the reasons for a DHS reduced course load).

This weekend a registration hold goes in place for F-1 and J-1 students. Students will not be allowed to drop a course after that time without permission from ISSS. If you qualify for a reduced course load but have not yet submitted a reduced course load authorization EForm please do so as soon as possible. Processing times can take up to 7-9 business days, and if you submit the request late you may accrue tuition liability as a result. If you have already been approved for a reduced course load for Fall 2023 and need to make changes to your course registration after next week you must contact ISSS to seek this permission to make the change.

If you are trying to swap classes while maintaining full-time registration please add the new course you want first and then drop the course you no longer need.

Arrival Reporting EForm & Orientation Make Up (for New Students)

Welcome new students!
All new students must submit the [New Student Arrival Reporting EForm](#).

For any students who missed all or part of Orientation, you must:

1. Review all information on the ISSS website, particularly the pages related to [Maintaining Immigration Status](#).
2. Review all information from Online Orientation this summer.

[Complete your New Student Arrival Checklist](#), including submitting your [New Student Arrival Reporting EForm](#).

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**Cultural Connections Buddy Reception & Welcome Party Today! (September 1)**

The buddy program joins new students with continuing students. Join ISSS and Cultural Connections for the Buddy Program welcome party on Friday, September 1st at 5:30pm in Campus Center Assembly Hall (2nd Floor of the Campus Center).

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**Coffee with the Dean (Sept 7)**

Join us on Thursday, September 7 from 12:30-1:30pm in the Science Library atrium for coffee, tea, treats and conversation! Dean Valverde will be there with other CIEGS staff. We hope that you can stop by to say hello!
Other Announcements/Upcoming Events:

Library Workshops for International Students (ongoing)

Workshop I: Introduction to Research Process

Date: Friday, September 1
Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Place: LI – B48 (University Library, Basement level)

Topics: what is a research paper, steps in the research process, choosing a research topic, finding background information and articles, using research databases, evaluating research materials, and hands-on exercises.

Workshop II: What is “plagiarism” all about? How to avoid it?

Date: Friday, September 8
Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Place: LI – B48 (University Library, Basement level)

Topics: in-text citations and bibliography; why acknowledge sources; when to cite; differences among quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing; types of plagiarism; how to cite; tips for avoiding plagiarism; academic integrity; and hands-on exercises.

Workshop III: Citation Practice

Date: Friday, September 15
Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Place: LI – B48 (University Library, Basement level)

Topics: DOI (digital object identifier), ways of providing in-text citations, formulating citations, and hands-on paraphrasing practice.

As Workshop II and Workshop III are closely related, you are strongly encouraged to attend Workshop II first.

To sign up for any of the workshops, please fill out the form at https://albany.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cSYfm1wtPRI0WY6
If you have any questions about the workshops, please contact Dr. Yu-Hui Chen (ychen@albany.edu) at University Libraries.

NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship Program

Bringing together the world’s brightest minds and the latest accelerated computing technology leads to powerful breakthroughs that help tackle some of the biggest research problems.

NVIDIA is now accepting applications for the NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship Program for the 2024-2025 academic year! The program, now in its 23rd year, is now accepting applications worldwide. It focuses on supporting doctoral students working in AI, machine learning, autonomous vehicles, computer graphics, robotics, healthcare, high performance computing and related fields. Awards are up to $60,000 per student.

Since its start in 2002, the Graduate Fellowship Program has awarded nearly 200 grants worth more than $6 million.

Details and Qualifications

The application deadline for the 2024-2025 academic year is Sept. 7, 2023. An internship at NVIDIA preceding the fellowship year is mandatory — eligible candidates must be available for the internship in summer 2024. The program is open to applicants worldwide. Eligible graduate students must have completed their first year of Ph.D.-level studies at the time of application in the areas of computer science, computer engineering, system architecture, electrical engineering, or a related area.

How to Apply

Please click here for more information on eligibility and how to apply. Please share this opportunity with your departments, students, and friends.

Apply before September 7, 2023.
We are looking for students to participate in a semester-long research study involving using a mobile application that helps students in planning, time management, keeping track of assignments, and class projects. Our goal is to study procrastination in individual and group tasks. The study also involves completing a number of initial questionnaires electronically and during the semester. You will receive $50 in Amazon electronic gift card upon completion of this study (see Consent Form for conditions). If you are interested and have an iPhone or iPad to install the app on, please complete the following consent form, and we will get in touch with you for the subsequent steps. At this point, we do not have an Android version of the application.

https://forms.gle/1B3MBgywM4fvhGsy7

If you participated in our study last semester, you are eligible to participate this semester as well!

Thank you for your time!

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Dr. Shaghayegh Sahebi
Associate Professor, Computer Science Department
Hello fellow student,

My name is Xiao Ting (Kitty) Wang, and I am a Counseling Psychology doctoral student at the University at Albany, State University of New York. I hereby sincerely invite you to participate in my dissertation study, which studies how family members may influence Asian and Asian American college students’ STEM career development. This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University at Albany (IRB study number: 23X122).

You are invited to participate in the study if you:

1. Are at least 18 years old.
2. Identify as Asian or Asian-American where at least one parent identifies as Asian or Asian-American.
3. Are currently enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student at a SUNY university.
4. Are currently in your first year of college.
5. Are currently undecided/undeclared in major.

Upon completing a valid survey, you have the option to enter a raffle for a $10 gift card (details available on the first page of the study link). Your responses to the survey are confidential and cannot be linked to your personal identity. If you are interested in participating in the study, please click on the following survey link, which will further direct you to an informed consent page with more information regarding your participation:

Qualtrics: [https://albany.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMSouhgcN8AMd8y](https://albany.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMSouhgcN8AMd8y)

Thank you so much for helping me with this research! Your participation will contribute greatly to the scientific knowledge base of how family members influence college students’ career decisions, a crucial yet understudied subject pertaining to Asian and Asian American college students in the US.

If you have further questions, please contact me (Xiao Ting Wang, principal investigator) at ktwang@albany.edu, or my faculty advisor (Dr. Hung-Bin Sheu at hsheu@albany.edu).

In humble solidarity,

Xiao Ting (Kitty) Wang
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