Greetings! The staff of the International Services Office (ISO) are looking forward to welcoming you into our community as you begin or continue your studies at the University of Rochester (UR) under our immigration sponsorship. Under immigration sponsorship through ISO, there are four components of the International Student Orientation Program (ISOP) that require your attention: Pre-arrival Orientation, Immigration Check-In, ISOP Orientation Meeting, and SSN Enumeration. Please review the following information carefully and visit the links below for more details. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns: isop@rochester.edu.

Pre-Arrival Orientation
As you plan to join us in the weeks or months ahead, it is important that you feel prepared and understand the requirements of studying at the UR as an international student. We offer an online pre-arrival orientation to help in this preparation called TIPS On-Demand: Tools for Immigration and Preparation Support. Students expecting to study from within the United States are expected to complete this video series in advance of orientation with ISO (see ISOP Orientation Meeting for details). To access this online training, please visit the ISO Pre-Arrival Orientation organization in Blackboard under "My Organizations." You may login to Blackboard at https://learn.rochester.edu, using your University NetID and password.

Immigration Check-In
All international students with a new SEVIS document from UR must complete a mandatory Immigration Check-In with the ISO upon arrival to the United States, including students pursuing an Immigration Transfer or Change of Level. Without this information, ISO cannot verify your valid student status and activate your immigration record in SEVIS. You must complete your immigration check-in after entering the United States and within one week of arrival. Upon successful entry to the United States, please use ISO’s Immigration Check-In tool to complete this requirement via our secure client portal URcompass. In order to complete the process, your address/contact information will be pulled and validated from your UR Student record (please update those details first, as needed) and you will be prompted to upload images of your immigration documents. Again, you can satisfy this requirement only after you have successfully entered the United States. If your travel to the United States will be delayed for any reason, please be sure your school is aware of your situation and plans, as ISO will coordinate with your admitting department to update your immigration record/document accordingly.
ISOP Orientation Meeting
ISO’s virtual orientation meeting builds from the TIPS On-Demand Pre-arrival Orientation modules and provides opportunities to engage with key aspects of the UR international student experience. **Attendance is mandatory** for F-1 and J-1 international students who intend to begin full-time study on a new SEVIS document under UR’s immigration sponsorship in Fall 2021, including students who have arrived prior to the start of classes and students who will arrive later within the Fall 2021 term.

**For students arriving to start classes in Fall 2021:**
9:00AM Eastern Time – Monday, August 23, 2021
[https://rochester.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_50exLKXpTZ-JFUgxiWjCqQ](https://rochester.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_50exLKXpTZ-JFUgxiWjCqQ)

SSN Enumeration Support
Eligible students will need to obtain necessary documentation and detailed instructions from ISO before applying for a [US Social Security Number](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssn/how-to-get-social-security-number) (SSN). More information about eligibility and next steps will be available at your scheduled ISOP Orientation Meeting.

Again, we look forward to welcoming you to UR very soon! If you have additional questions about the International Student Orientation Program, please contact us at **isop@rochester.edu**.

Sincerely,
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