Information for NEWPATH Students on F-1 Visas

If you are in the NEWPATH program and are an international student on an F-1 visa, you should be aware of the following requirements in immigration laws that may have an impact on your participation in the NEWPATH internship program:

- International students (F1 visa) are only allowed to work (including as part of internships) if there is an academic requirement for it in the student’s major program. Since the internship is a required part of NEWPATH, this condition is satisfied.

- Students can work after 3 quarters, usually summer quarter: Since students enter NEWPATH typically as sophomores, this should not be a problem. But if you joined OSU as a transfer student and immediately joined NEWPATH, make sure that you complete 3 quarters at OSU before starting on your first internship.

- Enrolling in independent study course with faculty only clear way to show evidence that it is part of the curriculum: We had not planned on having students register for independent studies corresponding to internships, but if you are a student on an F-1 visa, please talk to your advisor and we will arrange this.

- The work experience must be shown to expand the academic experience: We will require each student to submit a suitable report at the end of each internship so this requirement will be satisfied.

- While enrolled full-time, students cannot work off of campus, but ARE allowed to work at OSU for 20 hours or less a week: This does not apply to NEWPATH internships. But there is a possibility that a company may, following a successful internship, want the intern to work on a continuing basis with them during the school year. According to this rule though, students on F-1 visas cannot do so.

- Before starting on your internship, you must talk with the OIA advisor and fill out CPT application. Questions may be addressed to the advisors in OIA. The contact information for the OIA office is as follows:

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  Tel: 624-688-5873
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