

SLATER INTERNATIONAL CENTER

FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER



Letter from your International Student & Scholar Advisor

Dear Students,

Fall is finally in the air. The leaves are falling and the wind is blowing coldly off the lake. It is hard to believe that the fall semester will be over in less than 7 weeks.

This newsletter highlights some upcoming events and important reminders related to immigration, travel, and on-campus resources. Be sure to check our website for more detailed information on many of these topics. Also, Like our Facebook page and join our LinkedIn group to stay connected with all of the latest Slater information, news, and events.

We look forward to seeing you often at Slater this semester!

Cheers,

Karen

Events and Programs

Global Tea Series

Fridays 3:00pm—4:00 pm

Slater International Center

- November 10th: Global Tea Hosted by the PLTC
- November 17th: Global Tea Hosted by El Table
- December 1st: Human Rights and Women's Rights in Iran, presented by Delaram Farzaneh

November

Immigration Attorney Visit

Thursday, November 9th, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

Library Lecture Room

Are you an international student interested in working in the U.S. after you graduate and complete your OPT? Come hear an overview of common visa options from an immigration attorney!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 23rd, 4:30 pm—8:00 pm

Slater International Center

Will you be on campus for Thanksgiving Break? Come and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, hosted by Slater E-Board members.

December

Travel Signature Day

Tuesday, December 5th, All Day

Slater International Center

Slater staff will be available all day to sign your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 for travel, no appointments necessary. You must bring all of your immigration documents (i.e. passport, Form I-20/Form DS-2019, and Form I-94) with you. If Travel Signature Day isn't convenient for you, you can stop by Slater International Center anytime during walk-in hours for a travel signature to beat the crowds.

End of the Semester Gathering

Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Slater International Center

Join the Slater E-Board and Slater International Center staff in celebrating the end of the semester and hear updates on what's happening at Slater! Snacks will be served.

Important Immigration Reminders

Declaring a Major/Updating your Form I-20

If you have recently declared or changed your major, you must request a new Form I-20 to reflect your new major. The Department of Homeland Security requires that your immigration document reflects the most accurate and up-to-date information about your program of study.

Working in the United States

If you are thinking about doing an internship over the summer, or if you are graduating in May, you should start learning about your employment authorization options. As an international student, you will need authorization to work off campus. Attend our "Working in the U.S. Workshop" and "Immigration Attorney Visit," and refer to the employment section on our website for more information.

Travel

If you are traveling outside the U.S. and plan to re-enter in F-1 or J-1 status, you must have your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 signed for travel. For F-1 students, the travel signature is valid for one year and is located on page 2 of your Form I-20. For J-1 students, the travel signature is valid for the duration of your form and is located in the lower right corner of your Form DS-2019. Refer to the travel section on our website for more information. Please carry the following documents when you travel:

- Valid Form I-20 or DS-2019, with valid travel signature (12 months for currently enrolled F-1 students, for the duration of the form for currently enrolled J-1 students)
- Valid passport (at least six months into the future)
- Valid F-1 or J-1 visa
- Proof of financial support
- Current transcript or enrollment letter (optional)

If you need a travel signature, you must bring all of your immigration documents to Slater International Center during walk-in hours. If walk-in hours are not convenient for you, you may contact Slater International Center to make an appointment.

Form I-94

Upon arrival to the U.S., an electronic Arrival/Departure document/Form I-94 will be created for you. Please print out a copy of your Form I-94 from the Department of Homeland Security website after each entry into the U.S. If you have problems retrieving your Form I-94, please see the handout on our website or contact our office for assistance.

Other Reminders

Host Families

Reconnect with your host family this semester to learn more about North American culture and to share your culture with them too! They would love to hear from you.

Spending Time at Slater

Don't forget you can always hang out at Slater! Your Wellesley ID gives you swipe access and allows you to come relax, eat snacks, meet with friends, or watch movies 24/7. Just remember to follow the posted cleanup guidelines, and return all DVDs after use. Please be respectful of the Slater space.

Wintersession Housing

If you're looking to stay on campus for all or part of Wintersession, check your inbox for a link to the registration form from Student Housing. The deadline to register is December 5th.

Dining and Transportation Services

Looking forward to Thanksgiving and Winter breaks, remember that dining and transportation services change during academic breaks. For more information, please contact Dining Services, Residential Life, or the Housing & Transportation office.

Slater E-Board

The Slater E-Board is the student organization closely affiliated with the Slater International Center. The organization encourages greater understanding among cultures and acts as an advocate for international students and scholars. Its members collaborate with other student groups and departments to coordinate and organize events that increase intercultural awareness and involve the diverse Wellesley community.

Meet our E-Board members for the 2017-2018 school year!

President: **Iletze Porras '19**

Vice President: **Amelia Tam '18**

Treasurer: **Aditi Saha '20**

Secretary and Social Media Chair: **Demilade Adeboye '19**

Alumnae Chair: **Maya Mubayi '20**

Senator: **Ella Apostoaie '21**

Cultural Chairs: **Annie Kang '20** and **Christina Obolenskaya '20**

Publicity Chair: **Manize Rahman '19**

First Year Liaison/Historian: **Dhanya Nageswaran '21**

Africa Representative: **Halle Rubera '19**

Caribbean Representative: **Tatenda Rameau '20**

Asia Pacific Representative: **Alice Pan '20**

Europe Representative: **Dafni Diamanti '20**

Latin America Representative: **Sofia Ginard Ramirez '20**

Middle East/North Africa Representative: **Helia Kavoosi '20**

North America Representative: **Zuzanna Latocha '20**

South Asia Representatives: **Mallika Sarupria '19** and **Tarushi Sinha '20**

Please feel free to contact any of your E-Board members with issues or concerns.

The Semester So Far

International Student Orientation

At the beginning of this year we welcomed 125 students from 28 countries to Wellesley.
We're so happy to greet the Class of 2021!



Slater Welcome Back

As the semester began, new and old students gathered at Slater to catch up, meet new friends, and relax a bit before the year kicked into gear!

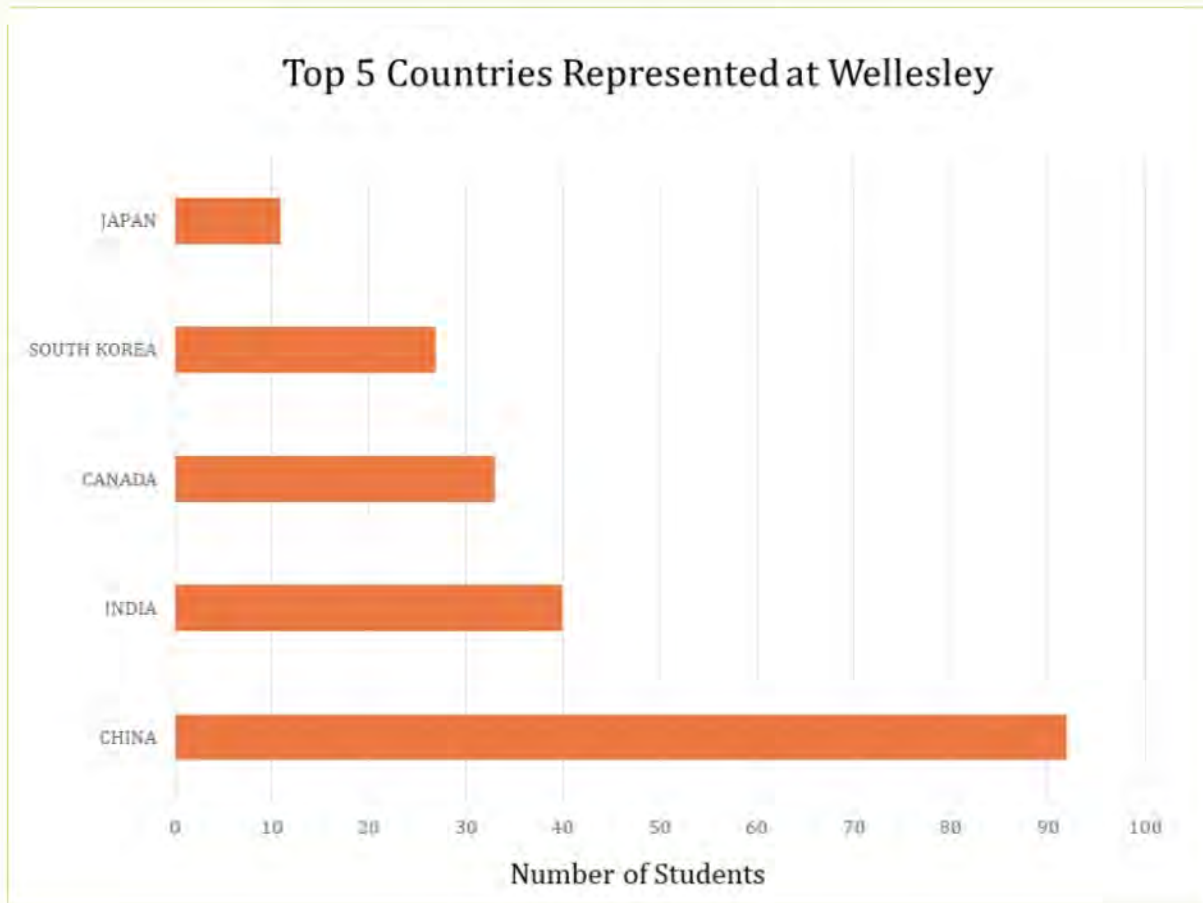


MasterCard and UWC Scholars Gathering

Our MCF and UWC Scholars met at President Johnson's house to start the new academic year.



Where is the Class of 2021 From?



Walk-In Hours

Mondays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesdays, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursdays, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

If you are unable to come to Slater International Center during walk-in hours, please call 781-283-2082 or email SlaterCenter@Wellesley.edu to set up an appointment at your convenience.

