

Subject: Tax Filing Resources for International Students - Now Available!

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Dear MIT International Students,

Our Federal income tax filing resources are now available at no cost to all MIT international students through a generous donation by the Kailath International Student Fund. For MIT tax resources for international students, please visit the **Vice President for Finance Office “Tax Guidance for Nonresident Aliens”** page (<https://vpf.mit.edu/tax-guidance-for-nonresident-aliens>), or via links on the MIT ISO tax page (<http://iso.mit.edu/students/taxes.shtml>).

Remember that **ALL F-1, F-2, J-1 and J-2 holders** (including dependents) **MUST file** U.S. income tax return forms **whether or not** they received U.S.-based income in 2022. All income tax return forms are due by **April 18th**.

If you are unfamiliar with the U.S. Tax system, and have questions, please utilize the ***How Can I Get Help*** portion of the [Sprintax portal site](#) (requires Kerberos).

Please **check that you have received all of your tax forms** (some possible forms include Form W-2, Form 1042-S, Form 1099) before filing a federal income tax return. MIT fellowship, scholarship, and grant recipients, and those who already claimed a tax treaty benefit, should receive the Form 1042-S this week from MIT. If you need replacement forms, or are unsure if you should receive a form from MIT, please contact MIT Payroll (payroll@mit.edu) for more information. Please note that students who received no US-source income from MIT in 2022 may not receive any forms from MIT.

Sprintax Returns software is an Internet-based tax return preparation system that will help F or J visa holders prepare their 2022 U.S. Federal income tax return forms if they are filing as a Nonresident for tax purposes. After going through Sprintax, the program will prepare the appropriate tax forms for you to print out and will include an instruction sheet that will tell you where to send the forms. This software can be used by your F-2 or J-2 dependents as well.

Tip: For Sprintax, please note that the Designated School Official for MIT is the [ISO Advisor](#) who signs your Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.

State Income Tax Return filing – Sprintax does NOT assist or fill out your Massachusetts State income tax return forms; but, for an additional fee, not covered by the ISO, you can have Sprintax assist you in completing your State income tax return forms (for Massachusetts and other states where you lived during 2022). Please note: students can also go directly to a State’s tax/department of revenue website and use the information on your Federal forms to fill out State income tax return forms manually at no cost.

Sprintax can be found at the following URL: <https://iso.mit.edu/maintaining-status/taxes/mit-sprintax/>

Students must log in with their Kerberos ID and Password using MIT Touchstone to access Sprintax. If you need help using Touchstone, please call the MIT Computing Help Desk at 3-1101 or consult the IS&T website (<https://ist.mit.edu/touchstone>). ***Alumni and students who attended MIT in the previous calendar/tax year (2022) and do not have an active Kerberos account should contact their [ISO Advisor](#) for a temporary access code.***

Tax Information Workshops for International and US Students

The Office of the Vice President for Finance (VPF), the ISO and the International Scholars Office have sponsored a series of Tax Workshops for MIT students and scholars for tax year 2022.

To view a listing of upcoming workshops, or to access recordings and materials from previously held sessions please visit the VPF website: <https://vpf.mit.edu/tax-guidance-for-nonresident-aliens>.

Helpful Tax Resource Links:

To access resource information, including links to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, as well as a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, please visit the MIT VPF “Tax Guidance for Nonresident Aliens” page: <https://vpf.mit.edu/tax-guidance-for-nonresident-aliens>

Unfortunately, the ISO advisors are not trained to give tax advice. We hope that all your questions will be answered by use of these resources. Remember, the majority of international students will need to file income tax return forms by April 18, 2023. **ALL F-1, F-2, J-1, and J-2 visa holders are required to file Federal income tax return forms regardless of income.**

****Special Note:** If you were not physically present in the United States at any time during the 2022 calendar year, you are not required to file tax forms for this tax season (by April 18, 2023).

Best,
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