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Be Aware of Scams
Have you had this happen? Want to discuss it?

Recently, we have had reports of two new types of 'scams.' There have been increased accounts of students facing pressure to give strangers rides or money. There have been incidents of people simply entering a student's car and insisting that the students drive him/her somewhere. In these cases, you can say no. Giving a stranger a ride or money may seem nice, but it is often the start of a robbery. Do not put yourself in danger. If you feel uncomfortable, do not hesitate to call the police (911).

If you have been involved in this type of a situation, we would like to know. Please email lescis@syr.edu with the information or come in to meet with an advisor. Always lock your apartment and car doors. Be aware of your surroundings.

*Some students have reported receiving mysterious emails claiming to be offering a job. The emails state that the Career Center sent out the student's email, and that the company (which is not named in the email) is interested in hiring the student. If the emails does not give information about the company, it is probably a scam.

There are a number of scams which target students and especially international students. When we find out about new forms of scams, we attempt to notify you through the SCIS News. However, scams are constantly changing and becoming more unique and sophisticated. If someone is demanding money from you, we recommend that you seek advice from our office or DPS before paying them or giving them any personal information.

STEM Application Deadline Alert

Students currently on a valid approved 17-month STEM extension whose current EAD expires after October 7, 2016 may be eligible to apply for an additional 7 months of OPT if they meet certain requirements listed on our [website](#).

USCIS has specified the date which they must receive your 7 month application extension by in a chart available [here](#). Please note, your deadline for sending the application to USCIS is dependent on your current EAD end date. Please apply with the Slutzker Center as early as possible, to ensure there is enough time to process your 7 month STEM OPT Extension Request.

**Request New I-20
Students currently on OPT**

If you are currently on OPT, and you have not received a newly designed I-20, please email LESCIS@syr.edu to request a new I-20 with the new format that was created last fall.

Slutzker Center News and Events

Slutzker Center Undergoing Renovations

The second floor of the Slutzker Center is being painted and re-carpeted this summer. Therefore, staff from the second floor is moving to the first and third floors, and the Slutzker Center will be in an unsettled state for the next two months. We ask for your patience as you come in for services.

The Slutzker Center for International Services English and Academia

Are you an international graduate student?
Need help with your writing?
Want how to use the English language in your academic work?
Frustrated with the difficulties of writing in English?

There's Hope This Summer!

What: One-on-one tutoring available

When: Summer 2016

Duration: 1 hour per session

Where: The Slutzker Center/Bird Library

**LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE! SO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO:
psawinad@syr.edu
REMEMBER! TUTORING IS DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**

Important Reminders

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