

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

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Dear MIT International Students,

Our Federal income tax filing resources (Sprintax Returns software) 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 Taxes 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. Federal income tax return forms **whether or not** they received U.S.-based income in 2023. Some students may also need to file State (such as Massachusetts) income tax return forms. All income tax return forms are due by **April 15, 2024** (or by April 17, 2024 if you are currently residing in Massachusetts or Maine given the Patriots’ Day/Emancipation Day holidays).

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 credentials).

Please **check that you have received all of your income earning 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 during the calendar year 2023 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 2023 U.S. Federal income tax return forms if they are filing as a Nonresident for tax purposes. After going through Sprintax Returns, 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 Returns assist you in completing your State income tax return forms (for Massachusetts and other states where you lived during 2023 calendar year). 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 Returns 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>).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Alumni and students who attended MIT in the previous calendar/tax year (2023) 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 2023.

A listing of upcoming workshops is available here (<https://vpf.mit.edu/tax-workshops-for-tax-year-2023-dates-announced>), and can access recordings and materials from previously held sessions on 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 individual 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 15, 2024. **ALL F-1, F-2, J-1, and J-2 visa holders are required to file U.S. 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 2023 calendar year, you are not required to file tax forms for this tax season (by April 15, 2024). You will need to file next year the 2024 income tax return if you are physically present in the

U.S. at any time during the 2024 calendar year. Students who complete their U.S. stay in 2024 and then leave the U.S., you will be able to access tax resources that are made available for next year's income tax filing deadline.

Best regards,
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