



OGS J-1 Scholar Virtual Drop-In Advising Instructions

The **Office of Global Services (OGS)** provides weekly virtual drop-in advising sessions for J-1 scholars on Zoom **every Wednesday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM Eastern Time.**

The purpose of drop-in advising is to ask quick (5 -10 minute) questions related to your J-1 status and receive professional guidance from an Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) in OGS who is authorized to provide J-1 advising. During drop-in advising, you will meet one-on-one with an OGS advisor to get answers to your basic questions related to maintenance of J-1 status, travel, employment, 24-month bar and 212(e), extensions, completing your program, and other topics. *For more complex questions or complicated situations, you may be asked to email OGS_Scholars@northeastern.edu to set up an advising appointment with an OGS J-1 scholar advisor.*

This advising is only available to current, Active J-1 scholars who have already entered the U.S. and have an active Northeastern University email address. These sessions are not for F-1 students or J-1 degree/GEO exchange students – please refer to the [OGS website](#) for advising options.

Who Can Attend:

- J-1 Scholars including:
 - Visiting Students
 - Visiting Scholars
 - Visiting Faculty/Lecturers
 - Postdocs
 - Non-Tenure Track Faculty

How It Works:

- Drop-in advising is on a first-come, first served basis.
- When joining drop-in advising, you will be admitted to a virtual waiting room. Please wait there until an OGS advisor(s) admits you to the drop-in advising session.
- The OGS advisor(s) will meet with each J-1 scholar one at a time.
- The drop-in advising session will end at the scheduled end time – anyone still in the waiting room at that point will need to either wait until the next drop-in session or email. OGS_Scholars@northeastern.edu if their concern is urgent.

How to Join:

1. Go to <https://northeastern.zoom.us/> and click on “Sign In” in the top right.
2. Sign in to Northeastern Zoom using your Northeastern email address and password.
3. Click on the drop-in advising Zoom meeting link:
<https://northeastern.zoom.us/j/93820058660?pwd=5xCS4pK6aUUtHk0O3LwCEsK1WqRyHb.1>
4. You will enter the virtual waiting room. You will be admitted to speak with an OGS advisor once they are finished speaking with the previous J-1 scholar. Please stay in the waiting room so you do not lose your place in the queue.
5. Email OGS_Scholars@northeastern.edu if you have technical difficulties joining the session.