

### **Tax Information**

All individuals in F & J status (students, scholars, dependents) who were present in the U.S. for any length of time during the 2014 tax year are required to file a Form 8843 and may also be required to file a U.S. tax return on either Forms 1040NR-EZ or 1040-NR, if income was earned. In addition to federal taxes, if you worked in North Carolina during 2014, you are required to file a North Carolina income tax form. See the NC Department of Revenue website at http://www.dornc.com/. Your W-2, Wage and Tax Statement for those who have earned income can be found on your BANNER account or you may have received it by mail.

The deadline for filing State and Federal tax returns is April 15. June 15 is the deadline for individuals only filing the Form 8843 and did not earn any income during 2014.

Our office is not equipped to offer tax advice or assist you with completing your forms. It is recommended that you contact a professional tax preparer with expertise in filing tax returns for foreign nationals. We have also listed several resources for guidance on tax matters below.

#### **Tax Guides and Resources**

IRS Link for Foreign Students & Scholars:

http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Foreign-Students-and-Scholars, 1-800-829-1040, ask Operator for Advance Individual or Alien issues

#### Federal Income Tax Brochure.pdf

Federal Income Tax brochure, courtesy of NAFSA -Association of International Educators, which you may find helpful as a general overview of taxes in the U.S., common tax-related definitions, instances in which an individual should file a tax return and a list of the necessary forms used to file a return. Special attention should be given to the brochure section, "What is Considered Income" since sources of U.S. income could "include on-campus employment, scholarships, fellowships, graduate assistantships, practical or academic training, and any compensation received for labor."

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) - Locations for Durham, Wake and Orange County

They offer free income tax preparation and filing for individuals under a certain income. It is recommended that you call and make an appointment. Not all sites offer assistance for foreign nationals, because it is a different process and there are limited preparers certified to prepare this type of return. So, when calling to schedule an appointment, be sure to identify yourself as a foreign student or scholar and verify whether or not they provide assistance for foreign nationals.



#### **Durham County**

\*Duke Law School Science Dr. & Towerview Rd Durham NC 27705 (919) 613-8526 Go to website ihouse@duke.edu

\*Main Library TCE/VITA 300 North Roxboro Street DURHAM NC 27701 919-560-0100 Hours Monday and Thursday 10-3 Tuesday 5:30-8 Every other Saturday 10-1 Will evaluate

NCCU School of Law 640 Nelson Street Durham NC 27707 (919) 560-6333 Call to see if service is provided

\*North Durham Regional Library 221 Milton Road DURHAM NC 27704 919-560-0231 Monday 5:30 – 8 Will evaluate

\*W. D. Hill 1308 Fayetteville Street Durham NC 27707 (919) 477-8778 Wednesdays 1-3

The Tax Center Northgate Mall 1058 West Club Blvd. Durham, NC 27701 919-399-2126



# **Orange County**

Chapel Hill Women's Center 210 Henderson Street Chapel Hill NC 27514 (919) 968-4610 Chris ext. 221 or Linda

# Wake County

\*SECU Raleigh-Wakefield
12700 Spruce Tree Way
Raleigh NC 27614
(919) 562-0506
Spoke to Steve at this location, who stated that all branches can provide the service. Go to SECU website and locate a branch.

\*Indicates - International Tax Service

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