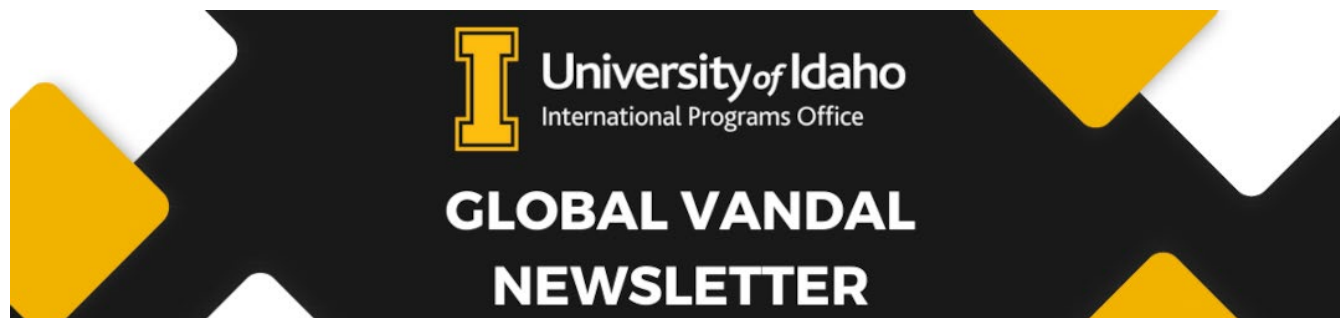


May 2024 - Global Vandal Newsletter - Find out what's happening this month!



Hello Global Vandals!

As we bid farewell to April showers, we welcome May flowers and the promise of summer's warmth. With a few weeks left in this semester, it's time to finish strong and celebrate your hard work. The end-of-semester rush may be upon us but remember to take a moment to appreciate the beauty of campus in bloom.

As we gear up for the summer semester ahead, let's embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and prepare for new adventures. Whether you're staying on campus or exploring new horizons, make the most of the season ahead.

And as you face your finals, remember: You've got this! Take a deep breath, stay focused, and trust in your abilities. Don't let the stress get the best of you—you've put in the hard work, and now it's time to shine.

To those graduating this semester, congratulations on this incredible achievement! Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and we're excited to see where your journey takes you next.

Best of luck, International Vandals!

Avneet Virk

International Peer Mentor

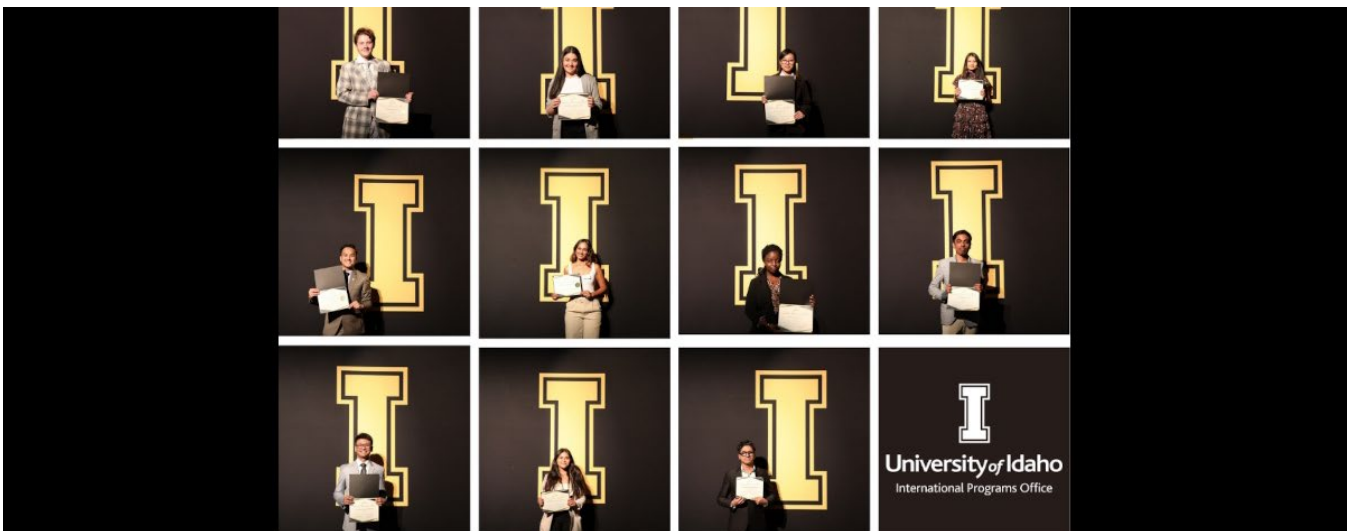




Global Vandal Spotlight: Congratulations to Our New International Ambassadors!

We are very excited to announce that Avneet Virk and Shriza Thakur will be coming onboard for the International Ambassador Program Fall 2024! Thank you to all who applied for this program. We will have more openings in the future for those who are currently serving as International Peer Mentors. The International Ambassadors are distinguished and experienced campus leaders who represent the International Programs Office and facilitate the International Peer Mentor Program. More specifically, they are here to help the international community adjust to life at the University of Idaho while working on a focused project. If you see Avneet or Shriza, please make sure to congratulate them on their new position!

We also want to thank Shreeya Pradhan and Roshni Prakash for their service as International Ambassadors from Fall 2022 – Spring 2024. Shreeya and Roshni have worked very hard to establish the reach of our international ambassadors on social media ([@uidaho_iap](https://www.instagram.com/uidaho_iap)) and create resources to help the incoming Fall 2024 class navigate and understand financial resources and education. Best wishes Shreeya and Roshni!



Student Achievement Award Winners

Congratulations to all our international students who received a Student Achievement Award! We are so proud of all your outstanding accomplishments.



Thank You to Our Student Workers!

This year, we were so fortunate to have our student workers: Nicolas Eissautier, Olivia Adams, Taylor James, Nolan Kelly, Elizabeth Ramirez, and Miya Anderson. If you see them, make sure to wish them the very best in their next chapter!

Employment

F-1 students may work on campus for up to 20 hours per week during the academic calendar, and then full-time during the academic breaks. J-1 students may also work on campus up to 20 hours per week and full-time during the academic breaks but must report their employment to their International Student Advisor before employment begins.

Do not engage in any off-campus employment unless you have received prior authorization from International Services. More information about employment can be found on the IPO website or contact <mailto:ipo@uidaho.edu>.

Beware of Fraudulent Jobs

When looking for a job, it is important to be aware that not all job offers are legitimate. What may seem like the perfect job opportunity may actually be a scam trying to use your personal information for identity theft or to get money from you.

Red flags to remember when searching for a job:

- It requires you to provide your credit card/bank account numbers or other personal financial documentation.
- It requires you to pay money upfront for the application.
- You are asked to provide your social security and driver license information in the initial application- personal information should not be given during the initial application process.
- The offer promises a large amount of money for very little work, or focuses solely on the salary and not on the actual job description.
- The employer contacts you via phone, but gives you no way to call them back or the interview is conducted virtually via text or chat and a job offer is given immediately.
- When meeting with an employer it should always be in a public place, i.e., their office, a coffee shop, etc. and not at their home.

When looking at job opportunities, ask yourself:

- Research the company thoroughly: Are they a legitimate business?
 - Does their website match the job description?
 - Are there any spelling or grammatical errors on the website or in the job listing?
 - Are there any reports of the company being a scam online?
- Verify contact information: Is the contact information for the company credible?
 - Do they provide you with a way to contact them, and is that contact information correct? Often scammers will change one word or letter of a real company's email address, so examine their information carefully.

If you have any questions about a job offering or are unsure if an offer is credible, university resources such as [Career Services](#) can assist you.

International Travel Requests

- Ensure all your documents are updated (valid passport, F-1 visa).
- Request a [Travel Signature Request](#) in iVandal.
- Be aware of potential delays for reentry if you need visa renewal.
- On OPT? You need your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card and job offer letter or proof of employment if employed.

Summer Hours

The International Programs Office is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during the summer break. However, we will be closed *Monday, May 29* for Memorial Day. An International Services advisor will be happy to answer your questions 2-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the International Programs Office, no appointment needed. If you have many questions that will take longer than 15 minutes to discuss or wish to meet virtually via Zoom, please schedule an appointment using [Vandal Star](#).



April Highlights

April is easily one of the busiest months on campus. Thank you for such an incredible month! We really enjoyed our boba events, your involvement in AAPIA Heritage Month, Eid and so much more!

Upcoming Events

- [Science on Tap: The Microbiome of Honeybees](#) 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at Moscow Brewing
- [IPO Graduation Party](#) 3:30–5:30 p.m. Friday, May 3 at the International Programs Office - Living Learning Community - Main Campus
- [Apparel, Textiles & Design Senior Showcase](#) 4–6 p.m. Friday, May 10 at the Chamber of Commerce-Moscow
- [Spring Commencement](#) 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at the P1FCU Kibbie Dome

[View Full Events Calendar](#)

We hope you enjoy the rest of your time this semester! Best wishes on your finals!

Sincerely,

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