# Internal Revenue Service Wage and Investment

#### **Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication**



# International Students Income Tax Seminar





### This seminar is for individuals in the United States on a(n)

#### F-1 visa who have been in the U.S. for 5 years or less OR J-1 visa who have been in the U.S. for

2 years or less



## **Internal Revenue Service**

- The taxation agency of the United States Government to which you
  - Report your immigration status
  - -File your personal Income Tax Return



## New York State Division of Taxation & Finance

- The taxation agency of the New York State Government to which you
  - -File your personal Income Tax Return



# **Basic Tax Vocabulary**

- <u>Alien</u>: generally, any person who is not a U.S. citizen
- **<u>Student</u>**: person temporarily in the U.S. on an F, J, Q or M visa
- Teacher or Trainee: person who is not a student & who is temporarily in the U.S. on a J or Q visa



# Basic Tax Vocabulary (cont.)

- <u>Compensation/Earnings</u>: wages, salaries, tips
- Income: wages, salaries, tips, interest, dividends, some scholarship/fellowship grants
- **IRS**: Internal Revenue Service
- Income Tax Return: statement filed (submitted) by individual taxpayer to the IRS or State of New York



### Who Must File (a) 2003 Form(s) with the Internal Revenue Service?



### All individuals temporarily in the U.S. on a(n) F-1 or J-1 visa must file (a) form(s) with the Internal Revenue Service.



# Which form(s) must they file?



#### **All individuals**

# in the U.S. on F-1 visas for 5 years or less or J-1 visas for 2 years or less MUST file Form 8843

"Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals with a Medical Condition"



### Form 8843

Form UUTU beginn Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service beginn Your first name and initial MARIA Fill in your addresses only if Address		W F	Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals With a Medical Condition For use by alien individuals only. For the year January 1—December 31, 2003, or other tax year ginning , 2003, and ending , 20 .			
		•	Last name ANGELES	Your U.S. taxpayer identification	. Sequence No. 102 ayer identification number, if any 104-00-0000	
		Address in country of residence 123 FELIZ RUA Cascals Portugal	123 UNIVE	e United States RSITY LANE TOWN, NY 00000		
Par 1a	Type of U.S. visa	al Information (for example, F, J, M, Q, etc.) and	d date you entered the United States 🕨 F-1			
b	Current nonimn	nigrant status and date of c	change (see instructions) ► <u>F-1</u>			
2	Of what country	y were you a citizen during	the tax year? Portugal			
3a			ortugal			
	Enter the actua	I number of days you were	present in the United States during: 2001		360	

# Form 8843 (cont.)

Pa	rt II Teachers and Trainees
5	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution you attended during 2002 ▶
6	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the director of the academic or other specialized program you participated in during 2002 F
7	Enter the type of U.S. visa (J or Q) you held during: ► 1996 1997
	1998 1999 2000 2001 If the type of visa you held during any of these years changed, attach a statement showing the new visa type and the date it was acquired.
8	Were you present in the United States as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of 2 of the 6 prior calendar years (1996 through 2001)? <b>Yes No</b> If you checked the "Yes" box on line 8, you cannot exclude days of presence as a teacher or trainee unless you meet the <b>Exception</b> explained on page 3.



# Form 8843 (cont.)

3	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the academic institution you attended during 2003  NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE, 234 UNIVERSITY LANE, COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000 716-000-0000
0	Enter the name, address, and telephone number of the director of the academic or other specialized program you participated in during 2003 ▶ MS PATIENCE CHAIR OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE, 234 UNIVERSITY LANE, COMPUTER HALL, COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000
1	Enter the type of U.S. visa (F, J, M, or Q) you held during: ►       1997 1998         1999 2000 2001 2002 If the type of visa you held during any of these years changed, attach a statement showing the new visa type and the date it was acquired.
2	Were you present in the United States as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of more than 5 calendar years? If you checked the "Yes" box on line 12, you must provide sufficient facts on an attached statement to establish that you do not intend to reside permanently in the United States.
3	During 2003, did you apply for, or take other affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident status in the United States or have an application pending to change your status to that of a lawful permanent resident of the United States?
	If you checked the "Yes" box on line 13, explain ►

# Form 8843 (cont.)

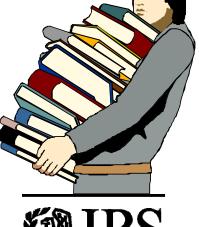
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return	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Your signature	Date

Form 8843 (2002)

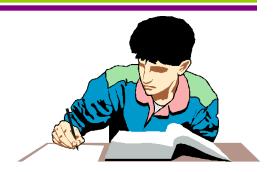


### What about F-1/J-1 students & J-1 scholars who did not earn any U.S. income in 2003?

They do not have to pay taxes, but **they must send a form to the IRS.** 



### F-1/J-1 Students & J-1 Scholars: No U.S. Income



• File Form 8843: "Statement for Exempt Individuals & Individuals with a Medical Condition"



#### If you did not have any U.S. income in 2003, you do not need to stay for the remainder of this workshop. <u>Note:</u> There will be a special workshop for individuals who had no U.S. income on April 5.



### What about F-1/J-1 students who received only a scholarship or fellowship grant in 2003?



### F-1/J-1 Students: Scholarship or Fellowship Grant Only

- Scholarship and fellowship grants are <u>not</u> included in income if used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses <u>AND</u> if the student is pursuing a degree.
- Any portion of scholarship or fellowship received for room & board or in exchange for teaching or research <u>is</u> included in income.



# What is a Scholarship or Fellowship?

• You call it: • Internal Revenue calls it:

#### **Tuition Waiver**

#### Non-taxable Scholarship (No work required)



#### What is a Scholarship or Fellowship?

<u>You call it</u>:
 •<u>Internal Revenue calls it</u>:

#### Room and Board Waiver

#### **Taxable Scholarship**



#### What is a Scholarship or Fellowship?

•<u>You call it</u>: •<u>Internal Revenue calls it</u>:

Teaching or Research Assistantship Stipend (recipient performs work)

**Taxable Wages** 



# What do I file if I have a scholarship, but I don't have to pay taxes on it? File Form 8843



## What do I file if I have a scholarship I must pay tax on? File Form 8843

### AND Form 1040NR *OR* 1040NR-EZ



What do I file if I have a scholarship I must pay tax on and can also claim a tax treaty benefit on that scholarship?

### File Form 8843 and Form 1040NR *OR* 1040NR-EZ



# What do I file if I have an assistantship stipend?

#### File Form 8843 AND Form 1040NR *OR* 1040NR-EZ



What about F-1/J-1 students, J-1 scholars and employees who earned income in 2003? **They must file Form 8843** AND Form 1040NR OR 1040NR-EZ



# **More Tax Forms**

- <u>W-2</u>: Wage and Tax Statement
- <u>1042-S</u>: "Foreign Persons U.S. Source Income Subject to Withholding" form
  - Normally used at UB to report income covered by a tax treaty
- <u>1040NR</u>: U.S. Non-resident Alien Income Tax Return
- <u>1040NR-EZ</u>: U.S. Income Tax Return for certain non-resident aliens who have no dependents



# **More Tax Vocabulary**

#### • Withholding:

- U.S. income tax automatically taken from your paycheck
- U.S. Source Income:
  - All income, gain or loss from U.S. sources



### Forms W-2 & 1042-S

- •You could have a W-2 or 1042-S or both of these forms.
- •The form was prepared by your employer and mailed to you.
- •You do not write anything on this form.
- •You use this form as a reference when you prepare your income tax return.
- •When finished, you attach this form to your income tax return.



#### **SAMPLE W-2 FORM**

b Employer identification number 16-	6001010		1 Wages, tips, other compensation \$ 8000	Federal income tax withheld     \$ 635			
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP co			3 Social security wages	4 Social security tax withheld			
New York State Colleg 123 University Lane		-	5 Medicare wages and tips \$	5 6 Medicare tax \$	withheld		
College Town NY 000	00	ſ	7 Social security tips \$	8 Allocated tips     \$	8 Allocated tips \$		
d Employee's social security number 10	04-00-0000		9 Advance EIC payment \$	10 Dependent cz	are benefits		
e Employee's first name and initial Maria		11 Nonqualified plans \$	12a See instructio	ns for box 12			
123 Uni∨ersity Lane College Town, NY 000	000		13 Statutory Retirement Third-party plan sick pay 14 Other	12b Ga \$ 12c Ga \$ 12d Ga \$ 12d S			
f Employee's address and ZIP code 15. State Employer's state ID number	16 State wages, tips, etc.	17 State income tax	18 Local wages, tips, etc.	19 Local income tax	20 Locality name		
NY 16-6001010	\$ 8000 <sup>°</sup>	\$ 270	\$	\$	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	\$	\$	\$	\$			
Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement Copy A For Social Security Administ page with Form W-3 to the Social Sec photocopies are not acceptable.	(99) tration—Send this entire	2003	Depart	ment of the Treasury—Inte For Privacy Act and P Act Notice, see s			

#### **SAMPLE 1042-S**

Form 1042-S	Foreign Perso Subject to Wi		ce lı	ncome		2003	5 C C C C	8 No. 1545-0096 <b>opy A</b> for	ò
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		CORRECTED		PRO-RA	ATA BASIS F	EPORTING	Internal	Revenue Serv	vice
1 Income 2 Gross income code 19	3 Withholding allowances 5000	4 Net income	000	5 Tax rate	6 Exemption 7 code 04	U.S. Federal ta withheld	20	Amount repaid to recipient	
9 Withholding agent's El	N 🕨		14	Recipier	nt's U.S. TIN, i	f any 🕨	104-0	00-0000	
<b>v</b> EIN	QI-EIN		-	4	SSN or ITIN		EIN	QI-EIN	N
10 WITHHOLDING AGENT NEW YORK COLLEGE		(including ZIP code)	15	Recipient PORTU		esidence for tax	purposes	16 Country c PO	xode
123 UNIVERSITY LANE COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000			17	17 NONQUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY'S (NQI'S)/ FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY'S name 18 Country code					ode
			19	NQI's/FI	ow-through er	ntity's address			
11 Recipient's account nu	mber (optional)	12 Recipient cod 01	е						
13 RECIPIENT'S name (first r city or town, province or s	name, initial, and last name state, and country (includin								
MARIA ANGELES 123 UNIVERSITY LANE COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000			20 NQI's/Flow-through entity's TIN, if any ►						
			21	21 PAYER'S name and TIN (if different from withholding agent's)					
			22	State inco	ome tax withheld	d 23 Payer's s	state tax no.	24 Name of s NEW YORK	
For Privacy Act and Paperwork	Reduction Act Notice, se	ee page 15 of the sep	arate i	nstruction	s. Ci	at. No. 11386R	F	orm 1042-S (	(2003

# How do I file a nonresident income tax return (Form 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ)?

First, learn the following tax vocabulary





# **More Tax Vocabulary**

- <u>Standard Deduction</u>: standard amount that individuals may subtract from income before calculating taxes owed
- **Itemized Deductions**: allowable amounts that individuals may subtract from income before calculating taxes owed
  - <u>Examples</u>: charitable contributions, state & local taxes withheld, etc.
- <u>Note</u>: No one can have both a standard deduction and itemized deductions. You have to choose one.



### **PLEASE NOTE**

- <u>Indian students</u> are eligible for a Standard Deduction and a Personal Exemption.
- Unless you are an Indian student, you are only eligible for some Itemized Deductions and a Personal Exemption.



# More Tax Vocabulary (cont.)

 Personal Exemption: amount deducted from income for yourself and/or your dependents
 For 2003, the amount is \$3,050



# Are there any exemptions for spouses and children?



# Spousal Exemptions available for some Non-Residents

- Married individuals from Canada, Mexico, Japan or the Republic of South Korea
- Married individuals <u>who are</u> <u>students</u> and are <u>from India</u>



# **Dependent Exemptions for some Non-Residents**

- Only individuals from Canada, Mexico, Japan or the Republic of South Korea can claim children who live with them as dependents.
- Individuals from Canada and Mexico can also claim children who don't live with them as dependents.
- Students from India may be able to claim exemptions for children. Please call the IRS International Hotline for further information.



# Is any non-resident income exempt from taxes?

Yes, but only some categories of income . . .



### Non-Resident Income Exempt from Taxes

(Not connected with a trade or business)

#### • Interest:

- Bank Deposits (including Certificates of Deposit)
- Some portfolio interest
- Capital Gains: Gains from the sale of capital assets such as stocks and securities if the individual was present in the U.S. for less than 183 days during the tax year (2003)



### **Tax Treaties**

Many countries have Tax Treaties with the U.S. that allow their residents to earn some money while temporarily in the U.S. without being subject to income tax on those earnings. See IRS Publication 901 for details.



# Tax Treaty: China

		Category of Personal Services	Maximum	·	Maximum	Treaty Article
Country (1)	Code <sup>1</sup> (2)	Purpose (3)	Presence in U.S. (4)	Required Employer or Payer (5)	Amount of Compensation (6)	Citation (7)
China, People's Rep. of	15 16 20 17 20 18 19	Scholarship or fellowship grant <sup>24</sup> Independent personal services <sup>22</sup> Public entertainment <sup>29</sup> Dependent personal services <sup>7,15</sup> Public entertainment <sup>29</sup> Teaching <sup>4</sup> Studying and training: Remittances or allowances. Compensation during training or while gaining experience.	No specific limit 183 days No limit 183 days No limit 3 years No specific limit No specific limit	Any U.S. or foreign resident <sup>5</sup> Any contractor Any contractor Any foreign resident Any U.S. or foreign resident U.S. educational or research institute Any foreign resident Any U.S. or foreign resident	No limit          \$5,000 p.a.	20(b) 13 16 14 16 19 20(a) 20(c)



	<b>Tax Treaty:</b>				A. S.	A	
			India				
India		16 20 17 20 18 19	Independent personal services <sup>7,22</sup> Public entertainment <sup>22</sup> Dependent personal services <sup>7,15</sup> Public entertainment <sup>15</sup> Teaching <sup>4</sup> Studying and training: Remittances or allowances.	89 days 89 days 183 days 183 days 2 years No limit	Any contractor Any contractor Any foreign resident Any foreign resident U.S. educational institution	No limit \$1,500 p.a. <sup>26</sup> No limit \$1,500 p.a. <sup>26</sup> No limit No limit	15 18 16 18 22 21(1)



# Which non-residents can use Form 1040NR-EZ?

- Individuals who do not claim any dependents
- Individuals whose taxable income is less than \$50,000
- Individuals who do not claim any itemized deductions
- Individuals who received only wages, tips and scholarship or fellowship grants
- Miscellaneous other reasons (see Publication 519)



# Let's look at the steps for completing Form 1040NR-EZ (Example of Portuguese student's Form 1040NR-EZ)



# Tax Treaty: Portugal

	Incon Code		Max Presence	Required Employer/Payer	Max Amt. of Compensation	Treaty Article
PORTUGAL	15 20 17 20 18 19	Scholarship or fellowship grant Independent personal services <sup>22</sup> Public entertainment Dependent personal services <sup>7,18</sup> Public entertainment Teaching <sup>4,41</sup> Studying and training: <sup>4</sup> Remittances or allowances Compensation during study or training	182 days No limit 183 days No limit	Any U.S. or foreign resident <sup>5</sup> Any contractor Any contractor Any foreign resident Any U.S. or foreign resident U.S. educational institution Any foreign resident Other foreign or U.S. resident Portuguese resident <sup>2</sup>	No limit \$10,000 p.a. <sup>30</sup> No limit \$10,000 p.a. <sup>30</sup> No limit No limit \$8,000 \$5,000 p.a.	15 19 16 19 22 23(1) 23(2) 23(1)



### Form W-2: Used for 1040NR-EZ Example

b Employer identification number 16-	6001010	\$	1 Wages, tips, other compensation 8000	n 2 Federal incom \$ 635	e tax withheld
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP coo New York State College		\$	3 Social security wages	4 Social security \$	tax withheld
123 Uni∨ersity Lane		\$	5 Medicare wages and tips	6 Medicare tax v \$	withheld
College Town NY 000	00	\$	7 Social security tips	8 Allocated tips \$	
d Employee's social security number 10	4-00-0000	\$	9 Advance EIC payment	10 Dependent car \$	re benefits
e Employee's first name and initial	Last name Angeles	11	Nonqualified plans	12a See instruction	ns for box 12
123 Uni∨ersity Lane College Town, NY 00000			Statutory Retirement Trind-party employee plan sick pay     Sick pay     Other	12b Uuote \$ 12c Uote \$	
f Employee's address and ZIP code				12d Geg \$	
15 State NY   16-6001010	16 State wages, tips, etc. \$ 8000	17 State income tax \$ 270	18 Local wages, tips, etc. \$	19 Local income tax \$	20 Locality name
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement Copy A For Social Security Administ page with Form W-3 to the Social Sec photocopies are not acceptable	(99) ration—Send this entire	2003	Depart	ment of the Treasury—Inter For Privacy Act and Pa Act Notice, see se	

### Form 1042-S: SCHOLARSHIP Used for 1040NR-EZ Example

Subject t	erson's U.S. Sourc o Withholding	e Income	2003		No. 1545-0096
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service VOID	CORRECTED	PRO-RATA	BASIS REPORTING	Internal F	<b>py A</b> for Revenue Service
1 Income code     2 Gross income     3 With allows       15     9000	olding 4 Net income ances	5 Tax rate 6 I	Exemption 7 U.S. Federal ta code withheld 04	225	mount repaid to scipient
9 Withholding agent's EIN ►		14 Recipient's	U.S. TIN, if any 🕨	104-00	0-0000
	-EIN			EIN	QI-EIN
10 WITHHOLDING AGENT'S name and ac	ldress (including ZIP code)	15 Recipient's c PORTUGA	country of residence for tax	purposes '	16 Country code PO
NEW YORK COLLEGE 123 UNIVERSITY LANE COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000		17 NONQUALIE	FIED INTERMEDIARY'S () OUGH ENTITY'S name	NQI's)/ '	18 Country code
		19 NQI's/Flow-	through entity's address		
11 Recipient's account number (optional)	12 Recipient code 01				
13 RECIPIENT'S name (first name, initial, and la city or town, province or state, and country la 13 city or town.					
MARIA ANGELES	10000	20 NQI's/Flow-	through entity's TIN, if ar	ıy 🕨	
123 UNIVERSITY LANE COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000		21 PAYER'S na	ame and TIN (if different t	from withhol	ding agent's)
		22 State income	tax withheld 23 Payer's	2012/07/2012/07/2012/2012/2012/2012/2012	24 Name of state NEW YORK

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 15 of the separate instructions.

Form 1042-S (2003)

### Form 1042-S COMPENSATION Used for 1040NR-EZ Example

Form <b>1042-S</b>	Foreign Pers Subject to V	son's U.S. Sourc Vithholding	e li	ncome		2003		3 No. 1545-0096 <b>opy A</b> for Revenue Service
Internal Revenue Service	VOID	CORRECTED		PRO-RA	ATA BASIS I	REPORTING	Internal	Revenue Service
1 Income 2 Gross income code 19	3 Withholdin allowances	Ĩ	000	5 Tax rate	6 Exemption code <b>04</b>	7 U.S. Federal ta: withheld	x 8	Amount repaid to recipient
9 Withholding agent's EIN	↓ ►		14	Recipier	nt's U.S. TIN,	if any 🕨	104-	00-000
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10 WITHHOLDING AGENT	'S name and addre	ss (including ZIP code)	15	PORT		residence for tax	purposes	16 Country code PO
NEW YORK COLLEGE 123 UNIVERSITY LANE			17			RMEDIARY'S (N	VQI's)/	18 Country code
COLLEGE TOWN, NY 0	0000		-13226	FLOW-T	HROUGH EN	TITY'S name		
			19	NQI's/FI	low-through e	ntity's address		
11 Recipient's account num	nber (optional)	12 Recipient code 01						
13 RECIPIENT'S name (first na city or town, province or st								
MARIA ANGELES			20	NQI's/FI	low-through e	ntity's TIN, if an	у 🕨	
123 UNIVERSITY LANE COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00	0000		21	PAYER'	S name and 1	TN (if different fi	rom withh	olding agent's)
			22	State inc	ome tax withhe	ld <b>23</b> Payer's s	state tax no.	24 Name of state NEW YORK

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### Form 1040NR-EZ

epartment of the Treasury ternal Revenue Service	Nonresident Aliens	With No Depende	ents 20 <b>03</b>					
Your first name and initial <b>MARIA</b>	Last name ANGELES		Identifying number (see page 3) 104-00-0000					
<b>123 UNIVERSITY LANE</b>	Present home address (number, street, and apt. no., or rural route). If a P.O. box, see page 4. 123 UNIVERSITY LANE							
COLLEGE TOWN, NY 0	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. If a foreign address, see page 4. COLLEGE TOWN, NY 00000							
Country ► USA Of what country were you a Give address outside the U								
Of what country were you a	a citizen or national during 2003? 🕨 PC	ORTUGAL						
Give address outside the U refund check mailed. If sam	Give address outside the United States to which you want any refund check mailed. If same as above, write "Same."		Give address in the country where you are a permanent reside If same as above, write "Same."					
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refund check mailed. If same as above, write "Same." If same as above, write "Same." SAME 123 FELIZ RUA								



### Form 1040NR-EZ (cont.)

	1		Includes: \$9000 Scholars \$5000 Compensation Exe Treaty	134 W2323	
873	3	Wage	ges, salaries, tips, etc. Attach Form(s) W-2 (see		8000
	4	Taxat	able refunds, credits, or offsets of state and local income taxes (see page 4)	4	
	5	Scho	olarship and fellowship grants. Attach explanation (see page 4)	- 5	
t.	6		I wages and scholarships exempt by a treaty from page 2, Item J 6 14000		
пөп	7		l lines 3, 4, and 5	. 7	8000
e. Payl	8		lent loan interest deduction (see page 5)		
here. any payment.	9		olarship and fellowship grants excluded (see page 6)	10	8000
Attach Form(s) W-2 here. Enclose, but do not attach, any p	10	1990 C.	usted gross income. Subtract the sum of line 8 and line 9 from line 7	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	270
	11		nized deductions. Enter state and local income taxes paid. Residents of India, see page (	6 <b>12</b>	7730
not	12		otract line 11 from line 10.	13	3050
4 P	13 14		mption deduction (see page 6) able income. Subtract line 13 from line 12	14	4680
but	15		Find your tax in the Tax Table on pages 11-15	15	468
1 050	10000		ial security and Medicare tax on tip income not reported to employer. Attach Form 413:	A 10 100000 00	0
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0.555	18		eral income tax withheld (from Form W-2 and/or Form 1042-S)		
	19		3 estimated tax payments and amount applied from 2002 return 19 0		
	20		dit for amount paid with Form 1040-C		
-	21	Add	I lines 18 through 20. These are your total payments	21	635
Re	fund		22 If line 21 is more than line 17, subtract line 17 from line 21. This is the amount you overpaid		167
Dire	0.000.000		23a Amount of line 22 you want refunded to you	23a	167
	osit? S e 6 an		b Routing number 🔄 🛛 Savings		
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31.000	23d.		24 Amount of line 22 you want applied to your 2004 estimated tax  24		
0.0350	iount L Ow		25       Amount you owe. Subtract line 21 from line 17. For details on how to pay, see page 7         26       Estimated tax penalty (see page 7). Also include on line 25	25	

### Form 1040NR-EZ (cont.)

Fo	m 1040NR-EZ (2003)		Page 2
	Other Information (If an item does not apply to you, enter "N/A.")		
A	What country issued your passport? PORTUGAL		
в	Were you ever a U.S. citizen?	🗆 Yes	🗹 No
C	Give the purpose of your visit to the United States ► STUDY		
2			
)	Type of entry visa ► F-1 and current nonimmigrant status and date of change ► NONE		
	Date you entered the United States (see page 8)  JANUARY 7, 2003		
	Did you give up your permanent residence as an immigrant in the United States this year?	🗆 Yes	🗹 No
3	Dates you entered and left the United States during the year. Residents of Canada or Mexico entering and leaving the United States at frequent intervals, give name of country only.		
	JULY 25, 2003 NIAGARA FALLS CANADA		
	AUGUST 22, 2003 TORONTO CANADA		

### Form 1040NR-EZ (cont.)

H	Give number of days (including vacation and nonworkdays) you were present in the United States during 2001, 2002, and 2003		
1	Did you file a U.S. income tax return for any year before 2003?	🗌 Yes	No No
J	If you are claiming the benefits of a U.S. income tax treaty with a foreign country, give the following information. See page 8 for additional information. • Country  • PORTUGAL		
	<ul> <li>Type and amount of income exempt from tax and the applicable tax treaty article. Enter treaty-exempt income for 2003 below and on line 6; not on line 3 or 5.</li> </ul>		
	For 2003 ► SCHOLARSHIP INCOME \$9,000 TREATY ARTICLE 23(1) STUDENT WAGES \$5000 TREATY ARTICLE 23(1)		
	For 2002 ►		
	<ul> <li>Were you subject to tax in that country on any of the income that you claim is entitled to the treaty benefits?</li> </ul>	🗌 Yes	🗹 No
к	During 2003, did you apply for, or take any affirmative steps to apply for, lawful permanent resident status in the United States or have an application pending to adjust your status to that of a lawful permanent resident of the United States? If "Yes," explain ►	🗆 Yes	No

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### Now, let's look at the Top of Form 1040NR (Useful for students who can claim their spouse and children as exemptions)



### Form 1040NR: Page 1 Top

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ĺ	Your first name and initial	Last name		Identifying nun	nber (see page	a 7 of ins	
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# When do I file a non-resident income tax return?



# **The Filing Deadline is**

## April 15, 2004 If you are filing Forms 8843 AND 1040NR/1040NR-EZ

### June 15, 2004

If you are required to file **ONLY** Form 8843



# Where do I file non-resident income tax returns? **Internal Revenue Service** Philadelphia, PA 19255



## Additional Issue for Discussion



# Social Security and Medicare Taxes were incorrectly withheld from my wages.

### What can I do?



# **FIRST, Contact the Employer** Ask for a Refund.

If they refuse, then file a claim for a refund with the IRS. Use Form 843 to do this.



### Claiming a Refund of Social Security and Medicare Tax from IRS

For (Re	m <b>843</b> v. January 1997)	Claim for Refund and Request for Aba	oment OMB No. 1545-0024
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	e Form 843 only if yo additions to tax on lir	ur claim involves <b>(a)</b> one of the taxes shown on line 3a or <b>(b)</b> a re ne 4a.	fund or abatement of interest, penalties,
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Please type	City or town, state, and Atown, NY 12345	Employer identification number	
_	Name and address	shown on return if different from above	( 000 ) 222-3333
1	Period—prepare a From	separate Form 843 for each tax period , 19 , to , 19	2 Amount to be refunded or abated \$ 397.80
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Interest caused by IRS errors or delays (if applicable—see instructions).

### **Suggested Explanation**

- Dates of payment P
- 5 Explanation and additional claims. Explain why you believe this claim should be allowed, and show computation of tax refund or abatement of interest, penalty, or addition to tax. If you need more space, attach additional sheets.

I am a non-resident alien student of an F-1 visa. Section 3121(b)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder state that a NRA (Non-Resident Alien) student on an F-1 visa is not liable for paying Social Security and Medicare taxes on wages for as long as he remains an NRA under the residency rules stated in Section 7701(b) of the Internal Revenue. I state that for calendar year \_\_\_\_\_\_ I was a NRA student and not liable for the Social Security and Medicare tax. I hereby ask for a refund of the Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld from my wages. I have asked my employer for a refund of these taxes and have been refused.



### **Attachments to Form 843**

#### F-1 VISA

- Copy of the front and back of Form I-94
- Copy of Page 1 & 3
   of Form I-20
- If on OPT, copy of the EAD Card
- If change in visa category, copy of new Form I-797

- J-1 VISA
- Copy of Form I-94 front & back
- Copy of Form DS-2019
- If change in visa, copy of new Form I-797



### **Forms and Publications**

#### ON THE WEB wings. buffalo.edu/intlservices www.irs.gov

#### PHONE ORDERS 1-800-829-3676



### **IRS Resources**

- IRS International Customer Service: (215) 516-2000
- IRS Toll Free Number 1-800-829-1040
- IRS Mailing Address (for written questions

Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 920 Bensalem, PA 19020



# Thank You For Coming



# **Any Questions?**

