

2020 income tax season officially starts on 2/12/2021, and the due date is 4/15/2021. **Every year, anyone who earned wages in the US must declare their total earnings to the Internal Revenue Service and pay any taxes owed - or be refunded any overpayment of taxes (taken out of each paycheck).**

If you earned any income from the US during the 2020 calendar year (January through December 2021), you must file an Income Tax Return using IRS form 1040NR. Scholarships/fellowships, summer internships, summer research, study grants, travel grants, gift cards all count as "income," depending on the tax treaty between the US and your country.

You are issued either 1042-S or W-2, or both. Form 1042-S is posted to your account in Glacier. Form W-2 posted to MyOxy. If you worked in the US authorized for paid Curricular Practical Training (CPT), you will be issued a W-2 by that company, as well. These are tax documents for you to file with your tax returns with the IRS.

Please note an important change for 2020. The IRS discontinued Form 1040NR-EZ. For those of you who filed 1040NR-EZ in the past, you must use 1040NR.

Because the new 1040NR is still in testing mode, Glacier GTP cannot do e-filing this year. You can complete your taxes in Glacier, print, sign and mail to the address indicated. Attach form 8843 to the 1040NR.

Additionally, all international students must file a Form 8843 if you were in the US as an F student for even a short time during 2020, even if you didn't earn any wages in the US and don't need to file 1040NR.

All Nonresident Aliens who are present in the U.S. under an F-1, F-2, J-1, J-2, M-1, M-2, Q-1, or Q-2 immigration status MUST file Form 8843 "Statement for Exempt Individuals and Individuals With a Medical Condition"

even if they received NO income during 2020. Form 8843 must be filed if an individual is:

- present in the U.S. during 2020;
- a Nonresident Alien; and
- present in the U.S. for at least one day as an F, J, M or Q immigration status (either the "-1" or the "-2").

You don't need a social security number or ITIN if you file form 8843 and did not earn any wages in the US during 2020.

How do I submit Form 8843?

Form 8843 is typically attached to an income tax return. If, however, you have NO income and are ONLY filing Form 8843, you must print, sign and mail it by June 15, 2021 to:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Center
Austin, TX 73301-0215
USA

(there is no street address needed)

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