

International Committee: The international visitors handbook

Welcome to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The international committee have created an online handbook to help answer any questions you might have during your stay here at WHOI. If you can not find what you are looking for in the handbook please contact the [international committee representative](#) in your department.



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Cranberry Bog on a crisp spring morning, East Falmouth

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF HANDBOOK

- Have you just arrived in Woods Hole or are you planning a visit soon?
- Have you checked in to WHOI?
- Do you need more information regarding your J-1 visa status?
- Do you want to know when will you get paid?
- Do you need a place to stay? Do you know what your options for housing are?
- Is Woods Hole a safe place to live?
- Do you have the identification documents you need?
- Do you need help settling in to Woods Hole? Do you need help speaking english?

If any of these questions interest you check out the [Getting Started](#) section of the handbook for more information.

- Where is Woods Hole?
- What is the weather like in Woods Hole?
- Do you need to open a bank account?
- What other services are there in the community?
- If i get ill what is the healthcare like? Do you need to find out about what health care services are available locally?
- Are there any local places of worship?
- What is there to do when you are not working?
- Do you need to find out what types of public transportation are available?
- What do the police do?
- Are there any national holidays in the USA?
- Where is the supermarket and the clothes stores?

If any of these questions interest you check out the [Woods Hole Community](#) section of the handbook for more information.

- Who is the current president of WHOI?
- Do i get any benefits from working at WHOI?
- What services are available for students at WHOI?
- Where can i find out what activities are ongoing in the scientific community?

If any of these questions interest you check out the [WHOI & You](#) section of the handbook for more information.

- Are there schools for my children to attend?
- Are there any child care services available?
- Are there activities for my children?
- Are there activities or educational courses for my spouse?

If any of these questions interest you check out the [Your Family](#) section of the handbook for more information.

- Are you interested in knowing more about the customs of Americans?
- Do you need guidelines on how best to communicate with Americans?
- Are you confused with some of the language used by Americans? Have you noticed that many people do not speak English the way you were taught to speak English?

If any of these questions interest you check out the [getting along with americans](#) section of the handbook for more information.

- Are you confused as to what work you are allowed to accept based on your visa?
- Do you want to leave the USA for vacation?
- Do you want to know if you require special permission?

Do you want to know which documents you will be required to possess before you leave the USA?

Do you want to know which other visa categories are available to you?

Do you need to get a social security number? Do you want to know how to do this?

Do you want to know what WHOI expects of you before you leave the USA?

If any of these questions interest you check out the [Legal and Visa Information](#) section of the handbook for more information.

If you have further questions that you can not find answers to in the handbook, please don't hesitate to call your [international committee representative](#).

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