

**INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT**  
**JANUARY 2006**

**Happy New Year and Welcome Back:**

**New international students joined Michigan Tech:**

Over 50 new international students joined Michigan Tech. These new students will be pursuing ESL, undergraduate and graduate programs. The new group of students enriches the diversity of our international student population and Michigan Tech community.

**Office Hours of the IPS Staff:**

IPS office is open from 8:00-5:00 to provide information and receive calls from international students. However, the following staff members are only available for walk-ins during the specific hours as listed below. Besides these hours, these staff members are available by appointment:

Diana Vreeland, Assistant Director

Monday: 9a.m. – 12 noon

Tuesday: 9a.m. – 12 noon

Wednesday: 2p.m. – 5p.m.

Thursday: 2p.m. – 5p.m.

Friday: 2p.m. – 5p.m.

Patricia Kieckhafer, Immigration Advisor

Monday: 9a.m. – 12 noon

Wednesday: 1p.m. – 4p.m.

Thursday: 9a.m. – 12 noon

Sam Heikinen, Coordinator of International Admissions

Monday: 9a.m. – 11a.m.

Thursday: 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.

**IPS will be offering workshops on Practical Training:**

IPS will be offering workshops of Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training presented by Patricia Kieckhafer, IPS immigration advisor. All students intending to apply for CPT or OPT in summer or fall are encouraged to attend one of the workshops. The workshops' schedule is as follows:

**International Events:**

CPT Workshop  
February 1  
Alumni A, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

CPT Workshop  
March 7  
Red Metal Room A, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

OPT Workshop  
February 9  
Alumni B, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

CPT Workshop  
March 13  
Alumni A, MUB  
9:00 – 10:30AM

CPT Workshop  
February 14  
Red Metal Room A, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

OPT Workshop  
March 23  
Alumni B, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

OPT Workshop  
February 20  
Red Metal Room B, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

CPT Workshop  
March 31  
Red Metal Room, A, MUB  
9:00 - 10:30AM

OPT Workshop  
March 1  
Alumni A, MUB  
9:00 - 10:30AM

OPT Workshop  
April 5  
Alumni A, MUB  
4:00 - 5:30PM

**International Film Festival:**

The International Film Festival featuring “Like Water for Chocolate” will be held on Sunday January 22, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at 135 Fischer Hall. Film will be followed by panel discussion by Latin American students and faculty. Latin American snacks and beverages will be served. This event is free and open to public.

**International Cuisine Class:**

International Spouse Support Program (ISSP) has started a series of International Cuisine classes. Two classes featuring Thanksgiving Dinner and Indian Cuisines were offered in November and January. If you would like to assist ISSP offering a class based on your cultural dishes, please contact Mary P. Stevens @ [mpsteven@mtu.edu](mailto:mpsteven@mtu.edu).

**I-Club needs volunteers and performers for the International Night 2006:**

I-Club is planning for a major and impressive International Night 2006 and the club needs volunteers and performers to exhibit the cultural richness and talents of our international students. Please contact Eric Mcdonald @ [ewmcdona@mtu.edu](mailto:ewmcdona@mtu.edu).

**World Bank Internship Program for Graduate Students:**

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20515785~menuPK:1477648~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html>

You may apply on-line to the Summer Internship Program from December 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006.

The Internship Program is open to students who are nationals of the Bank's member countries and attracts a large number of highly qualified candidates. This Program typically seeks candidates in the following fields: economics, finance, human development (public health, education, nutrition, population), social science (anthropology, sociology), agriculture, environment, private sector development, as well as other related fields. Fluency in English is required. Prior relevant work experience, computing skills, as well as knowledge of languages such as French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, and Chinese are advantageous.