

FAQ: Student Income Tax

Please note: these FAQs are intended to help students by offering generalized information resources only. The Graduate School Office is not able to provide tax advice or answer specific questions regarding your tax situation. For personalized tax guidance and assistance with questions, please consult an external tax accountant or advisor.

1. Do I have to file a Federal income tax return?

- The general rule is that you need to file a federal income tax return if you earn or receive income during the calendar year that is not exempt from income tax.
- Even if you did not earn or receive any income, you are obligated to file if you were physically in the U.S. on F or J status.

2. What tax forms do students need to file?

- Resident alien and U.S. Citizen: Form 1040
- International students (F-1 and J-1 visa holders) with U.S. income: Form 1040-NR and Form 8843
- International students (F-1 and J-1 visa holders) with no U.S. income: Form 8843

3. I need to file my tax return. How can I do this?

- UConn Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, offered at Storrs campus
 - Registration: <https://accounting.business.uconn.edu/vita-program/>
- Sprintax tax preparation software, online (file yourself)
 - <https://international.global.uconn.edu/taxes/>
- Hire a qualified tax preparer
 - <https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/choosing-a-tax-professional>

4. Alternatives to using the UConn VITA service if you are a Resident Aliens and U.S. Citizen

- HRA – locations in Bristol, Farmington, Meriden, New Britain, Plymouth, Vernon, Wallingford
 - <https://www.hranbct.org/programs/financial/income-tax-assistance/>
- Online software (file yourself)
 - [IRS Free File](#) ○ [FreeTaxUSA](#)
 - [H&R Block](#) ○ [TaxAct](#)
 - [Cash App Taxes](#) ○ [TurboTax](#)

5. When are income tax returns due?

- Federal and CT income tax returns are due by April 15

6. Other FAQ

- More info on **federal and CT State** income tax: UConn's Tax & Compliance Department
 - Student TAX FAQs: <https://tax.controller.uconn.edu/student-tax-faqs/>
 - Nonresident Tax FAQs: <https://tax.controller.uconn.edu/nonresident-tax-faqs/>
- UConn Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
 - FAQ for Foreign Students and Scholars: <https://accounting.business.uconn.edu/vita-program/tax-assistance-for-foreign-students-and-scholars/>
 - Taxpayer Resources: <https://vita.business.uconn.edu/taxpayer-resources/>
- International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)
 - Taxes: <https://international.global.uconn.edu/taxes/>