Reminder: Federal Law Still Prohibits Marijuana

The International Center would like to remind all international students, scholars, employees, and dependents that they are responsible for following federal immigration regulations and federal laws, in addition to the laws of the State of Michigan.

Although a State of Michigan law decriminalized marijuana under certain circumstances, federal law still prohibits the use or possession of marijuana. Because immigration regulations are part of federal law, if you are not a U.S. citizen, violations of federal law, including marijuana use or possession, can affect your immigration status, your ability to obtain or renew a visa, your ability to enter or re-enter the United States, or your ability to apply for U.S. permanent residency or citizenship. This is true even if the marijuana use or possession was permitted under state law and the person was never convicted of a crime. You should also be aware that port of entry officials may ask you about marijuana use. The best advice for those who are not U.S. citizens is to avoid using marijuana.

It is also important to remember that University of Michigan policy [1] still prohibits the possession and use of marijuana on university premises, and in the conduct of university business away from campus.

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[1] https://dpss.umich.edu/content/prevention-education/safety-tips/alcohol-drugs/marijuana-u-m-faq/