

The Global Glance

A Monthly Update from the Office of Global Engagement
March 2023



Visa/Immigration

Applications for H-4 Visa status is adjudicated together with H-1b applications

H-4 Visa status is for dependents of H-1b employees. Prior to 2019, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) adjudicated applications for a change of visa status to H-4 or for extending H-4 status together with H-1b applications submitted by the H-1b spouse's employer. After March 2019, adjudication times for applications for H-4 status ballooned to one year or more. The USCIS has now returned to processing applications for H-4 status together with the accompanying H-1b applications and will also simultaneously process I-765 applications for those in H-4 status that are eligible for an H-4 work permit known as an Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

Department of State implements visa retrogression for I-485 applications with EB-1b category

Earlier in 2023, the Department of State implemented visa retrogression for citizens of India and China in the EB-1b "outstanding researcher" category. According to the March 2023 Visa Bulletin, the filing dates for both India and China is June 1, 2022. This means that employees from these two countries can only submit I-485 applications if the priority date on their employer's I-140 approval is before June 1, 2022. This marks the first time in three years that there is a backlog for this category.

With an approved I-140 application, employers may extend H-1b sponsorship past the six-year limit and H-4 spouses of H-1b employees are eligible to apply for a work permit.

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

International Photo Contest open until end of month

The 2023 International Photo Contest is now open and runs through March 31. All UNMC students, staff, and faculty are invited to submit their favorite international travel photos. Find official contest rules and complete the online submission form [here](#).



March 13-31, 2023

SAGH sponsors Rocket Carwash fundraiser

The Student Alliance for Global Health (SAGH) is sponsoring a fundraiser with Rocket Carwash to raise funds for flood relief in Sudan. From now to Mar. 31, purchase a carwash for \$10, and \$6 of your purchase will go toward flood relief and other humanitarian relief efforts under the direction of Community Medical Response Teams (CMRT) in Sudan. UNMC's Dr. Nada Fadul, assistant dean and professor, division of infectious diseases, plays an active role in supporting CMRTs in Sudan.

[Carwash purchases are made online](#). This link will not allow for purchases when connected to the UNMC network. Car washes purchased on this unique website are sent via text message to the purchaser. Washes can also be sent as digital gifts. All washes are redeemable at all locations and expire one year from purchase date. Rocket Carwash locations can be found in Nebraska, Texas and Pennsylvania. In Nebraska, they are found in Omaha (four sites), Lincoln (two sites), Elkhorn and La Vista.

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