

The Global Glance

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Visa/Immigration

Major Change Coming to DS-2019 Handling for J-1 Scholars

On March 28, the U.S. Department of State announced the publication of a Interim Final Rule to the Federal Register that will permit designated sponsors for the Exchange Visitor Program, which we know as the J-1 Sponsorship Program, to electronically sign and transmit the Form DS-2019. This new rule goes into effect April 27, 2023, and will be applicable to any DS-2019 form generated on or after that date. This essentially means that after that date, departments will no longer be required to send the physical paper copy of the original DS-2019 form to their scholar, avoiding the shipping costs and possible difficulties in sending packages to hard-to-reach countries, such as Iran or Russia.

The process for requesting J-1 sponsorship will not change at this point. Unpaid scholars would use the process outlined on our website for international visitors, including establishing the iGlobal account and submitting the request through that system. J-1 scholars, who will be employed and paid by UNMC, the process remains completing the PDF available on our website and submitting it and other required documentation by email to Dan Teet. As of April 27, any new DS-2019 form created by the Office of Global Engagement will be sent to the department administrative contact who can distribute it electronically to their scholars, with instructions that the form should be printed on the scholar's end and kept with other important documents. While electronic signatures and distribution will be allowed, in order to use the form for any official purpose, it needs to be a paper document, not displayed on a phone, tablet or computer.

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Call for submissions for international conference

Submissions now are being accepted for the Interdisciplinary World Health Congress on Post Pandemic Readiness, which is being co-sponsored by UNMC.

The international conference, to be held Feb. 5-8, 2024, in Casablanca, Morocco, follows the COVID-19 in the Middle East/North Africa Region conference held in May 2022. Researchers and experts in multiple health disciplines from around the globe are invited to share their vision and experiences in addressing post-pandemic challenges and explore methods to transform health care and community health through education and innovation reform.

“This conference is an excellent opportunity for researchers to present their work and meet with others in the MENA region who share their interests,” said Jane Meza, PhD, associate vice chancellor for the UNMC Office of Global Engagement and co-chair of the conference’s organizing committee.

The global event is organized through a partnership between Global Health Research Management Solutions, the Mohammed VI University of Health and Sciences (Casablanca, Morocco), UNMC, the American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences and the Academy of Life Sciences in New York.

Submissions are being accepted online by Sept. 1. For more information, visit [this website](#).

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