

The Global Glance

A Monthly Update from the Office of Global Engagement
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Visa/Immigration

New international students arriving for fall semester

New international students are arriving almost daily for their first year of study at UNMC in various academic programs. The Office of Global Engagement is reaching out to these new students to offer assistance in various forms. The International Student Orientation was held Thursday and Friday, August 11-12. In addition, the students were advised on their requirements to maintain lawful visa status in the U.S., including registering as a full-time student every fall and spring semester, as well as maintaining accurate address and phone number information in the MyRecords (Peoplesoft) student information system. The orientation program also briefly covered employment rules for international students which are different than for domestic students. Departments should be cautious when advising international students about work opportunities since infractions involving unauthorized employment can have drastic consequences for their ability to remain in the U.S. and continue through their program. Students who are not supported by graduate assistantships that pay a living expense stipend are often very much interested in finding employment, though they are advised that it must fit the parameters of what is allowed for international students. Two main criteria for the employment to be acceptable are:

- 1) The opportunity must be on-campus. This means it must be a job offered by UNMC, Nebraska Medicine, or an on-campus commercial firm, such as Sodexo. International students cannot readily accept off-campus employment without specific permission from our office (as their international student advisor).
- 2) The job must be no more than 20 hours per week while school is in session. This covers the entirety of the fall and spring academic terms. This limit is very strict and so if the on-campus opportunity includes a position that requires 12-hour shifts, the student could not work more than one shift per week since a second shift would exceed the 20-hour per week limit. When school is on official breaks, there is no upper limit to the hours per week, so full-time+ employment can occur during the summer and also between fall and spring as well as during the week of spring break.

Students who don't yet have on-campus employment through an assistantship position or other on-campus job will not be eligible to apply for a Social Security Number unless and until they are offered on-campus employment. Once they have this offer of employment, they will need the employment offer letter and another letter from our office to take with them to the Social Security Administration where they apply in person for a number.

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International travel reminders

Please remember to follow all [University of Nebraska](#) and [UNMC](#) policies and guidance regarding international travel. Specifically, a Concur travel request must be filed by the traveler before any travel is booked or purchased. This should be done as soon as dates of travel are known.

UNMC, as a part of the University of Nebraska system, adheres to the policy outlined in [Executive Memorandum No. 25](#) and requires prior approval for international travel to higher risk locations (as identified by the CDC and U.S. Department of State travel [notices](#) and [advisories](#)). Travelers will be notified after they submit their Concur travel request if their destination is considered higher risk and additional information is needed.

For assistance regarding international travel, including risk assessment, or information on AIG Travel Guard insurance, please email internationaltravelunmc@unmc.edu or call (402) 559-8499. For assistance with Concur or booking travel, contact Melody Stark at melody.stark@nebraska.edu.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition application date nears

The [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program \[mx.technolutions.net\]](https://mx.technolutions.net) is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year! Applications are accepted through our deadline of **September 15, 2022**.

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