

The Global Glance

A Monthly Update from the Office of Global Engagement
October 2022



Visa/Immigration

Presentation: Acquiring Permanent Residence of the US

A presentation for anyone interested in the processes of being sponsored for U.S. Permanent Residence will be held via Zoom on Wed., Oct. 19 at 4:00 p.m. and again on Thurs., Oct. 20 at 2:00 p.m. Employer-based sponsorship, as well as self-sponsorship will be explored. This presentation may benefit both international students and employees. Discussion will center around:

- the types of criteria required for a strong case
- how the process impacts current visa status
- perspective of employers deciding to sponsor employees for permanent residence, travel issues
- maintaining permanent residence, and common problems that arise.

Zoom Code: 225 355 1360, Password: 032734

Potential for extension of H-1b Visas within the US

Due to the long waiting period for acquiring H-1b Visas in India, as well as in several other countries, a Presidential Commission has recommended that the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) update its policy and permit the extension of visas within the U.S. Updates will be monitored in upcoming months.

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International Travel

Recently, the CDC announced that it will no longer evaluate COVID-19 levels in foreign countries and has removed the COVID-19 travel health notice system from their website. Travelers are still encouraged to follow the procedures on the [Office of Global Engagement website](#) regarding requesting international travel.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Diwali

The UNMC International Student Association (ISA), Office of Global Engagement and the Student Life Inclusion and Diversity Office are partnering to offer the UNMC community a way to observe Diwali. Diwali, the festival of lights marks the time when millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world celebrate the triumph of good over evil. It is

celebrated every autumn in several countries including Fiji, Guyana, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

From Oct. 17-21 from 12:00-1:00 p.m., tables will be set up in the DRC I atrium and the Sorrell Center atriums, for those who wish to pick up supplies to make a lantern. Completed lanterns may also be dropped off at either of the tables or at the Office of Global Engagement, located in the Williams Science Hall, second floor. All lanterns will be displayed at the UNMC Ice Rink on Oct. 24. Please share with your colleagues who may be interested in this event. For more information, [click here](#).

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