

The Global Glance

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

New rule for applications to extend H-4 status

Effective April 2022, USCIS will no longer accept a single, combined fee payment when Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization are submitted together. This applies to H-4 applicants whose H-1b spouse is the beneficiary of an approved I-140 application. Two separate checks will now be required.

New rule for Advanced Parole applications

Effective April 2022, approvals for advanced parole will no longer be issued on an accompanying employment authorization document (EAD). The USCIS will first adjudicate applications for the EAD and will later adjudicate accompanying applications for Advanced Parole. The Advanced Parole approval will come later as a separate approval notification. Applications for Advanced Parole are generally filed together with applications to become a permanent resident.

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UNMC constituents fundraise for their home country, Ukraine

Viktoriya Mashinson, a PhD student in the department of pharmaceutical sciences and board member of the Student Alliance for Global Health (SAGH), along with Olga Taraschenko, MD, associate professor in the department of neurological sciences, are spear-heading fundraising efforts to purchase and ship urgently needed medical supplies to Ukraine, their homeland.

Mashinson hails from Dnipro, and Dr. Taraschenko is from Kiev. The supplies will be received by Dr. Denys Surkov, a Ukrainian physician on the front lines attending to patients in Dnipro. Through a Go Fund Me site and spreading the word as widely as

possible, \$20,000 of a \$50,000 goal has been achieved to date. For a list of requested medical items and further information about the fundraising efforts, as well as make a voluntary donation, go to <https://gofund.me/128982b8>.

Mashinson and Dr. Taraschenko will be sharing information about the situation in Ukraine and their fundraising efforts through a noon presentation, sponsored by SAGH, via Zoom on Wed., April 20. UNMC faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend and listen to their compelling story: <https://unmc.zoom.us/j/2951121582?pwd=a0RiMWRjMDJGR3JLZzU2MTduS2Y4QT09>.

International Travel

Office of Global Engagement creates new travel inbox

The Office of Global Engagement has established a new email inbox for international travel-related questions. Please email questions to internationaltravelunmc@unmc.edu.

We also want to remind you that an international travel request is required to be submitted if your destination country is classified as either:

- A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Travel Notice Levels 3, 4, or Unknown
- CDC Travel Health Notice (non-COVID) Level 3
- A U.S. Department of State (DOS) Travel Advisory Levels 3 or 4.

International travel requests go under stringent review by the UNMC International Travel Review Committee, with final approval resting with the chancellor. Please allow at least two (2) weeks for a decision on your request. **Please do not book travel until your request is approved.**

UNMC co-sponsors international COVID-19 conference



Registration is now open for the international conference “COVID-19 in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region: Lessons Learned in Research, Policy, Public Health and Clinical Practices.” The conference, in which UNMC is a co-sponsor, will be held May 30-31, in Gaziantep, Turkey. [Click here for the agenda](#). The conference will offer a vibrant scientific program that addresses the impact of COVID-19 on health and well-being globally and in the MENA region; regional and global equity gaps; preparedness for future pandemics and global health challenges; implications for research, policy, teaching and training; and opportunities for regional and international collaborations. [Click here to register](#).

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International Photo Contest

The results of the 2022 International Photo Contest will be announced in UNMC Today some time in April. Thank you to all those who participated.

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

CHRI Global Health PI Seminar Series "Global challenges for childhood mental health"

The CHRI Global Health PI Seminar Series "Global challenges for childhood mental health" will be offered Wed., April 20 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. CST. The featured speaker is Dr. Arwa Nasir, MBBs, MS, MPH, division chief of academic general pediatrics and professor, department of pediatrics. [Click here](#) for more information and registration details.

2022 Pediatric Global Health Conference: Cardiology and Critical Care in Resource-Constrained Settings.

Join this conference May 6-7 via live stream. This conference will focus on improving cardiac imaging-resource utilization and the care of critically ill children. The care of critically ill patients in resource-constrained settings is challenging for many reasons including the availability and accessibility of trained health care workers. As a result, general practitioners often serve as front-line providers for a wide range of pathologies. Equipping general practitioners with basic knowledge in the care of seriously ill children with optimal use of existing resources is key to improving patient care and communication with experts at tertiary centers.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration details.

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