

The Global Glance

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Visa/Immigration

USCIS Announces New Director

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that Ur M. Jaddou is the New Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. One of her stated goals is to modernize the service. Currently, most employer-based applications still require paper checks to pay application fees and supporting documents to be mailed as hard copies.

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International Travel for H-1b Employees

H-1b employees planning to travel outside the US who need to renew their visas before returning to the US will likely need to apply and be approved for an emergency visa appointment at a US consulate. Regular visa appointment slots are generally filled up for several months. Visa appointments and emergency visa appointments can often be scheduled before departing the US, which allows the H-1b employee to know if they have been approved for an emergency visa appointment before departing the US. The visa applicant must first apply for a regular visa appointment before they can apply for an emergency appointment. The visa approval usually includes a required National Interest Exception (NIE) notice on the visa stamp.

Employees with a valid unexpired visa will still need to contact the US consulate to apply for an NIE before returning to the US. Countries in which an NIE is required to return to the US include Brazil, China, Iran, Ireland, Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland), United Kingdom, South Africa, and India.

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International Visitors/Scholars

Unpaid International Visiting Research Associates

Unpaid international visiting research associates are processed exclusively through the Office of Global Engagement (OGE). OGE assures that all compliance requirements, including compliance training, background check, export control check, immunizations and health insurance are fulfilled. OGE will also issue the approval for access to the UNMC network, and processing of the international visitor photo ID badge.

Therefore, unpaid international visiting research associates are not submitted to PeopleAdmin, Jobs@, nor are they entered into SAP. OGE will continue to track unpaid international visitors throughout their stay on campus.

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Returning ID Badges

The sponsoring department will be responsible for collecting the UNMC ID badge from the visitor before he/she departs the campus at the end of his/her program. The badge should be returned to OGE at Zip 5700.

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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

This is a reminder that the Zoom chat with Fulbright alumni, students, scholars, and supporters to learn more about what Fulbright does will be held Friday, Aug., 27 at 3:00 p.m. To register, click [here](#). If you have questions, email [Wael Elrayes](#).

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