

The Global Glance

A Monthly Update from the Office of Global Engagement
May 2022



Visa/Immigration

Omaha Social Security Office reopens for walk-in appointments

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has relaxed its COVID protocols and local SSA offices are now allowing walk-in services without an appointment. For more information about their guidelines, visit the [SSA website](#). Remember that new J-1 and F-1 visa holders need to complete specific documentation requirements before they visit the office in person after arriving to the U.S.

International student admissions for summer and Fall 2022 underway

Most international student admission decisions were due on April 15, with few exceptions, and departments may have already started receiving inquiries from international students looking for information about their I-20 forms, which are used to apply for the F-1 visa so they can arrive and begin studies this August. The Office of Global Engagement is working through the list and preparing new forms as quickly as possible. Please refer any inquiries to Dan Teet. For fall admissions, the earliest arrival date to the U.S. for most international students will be June 25. However, the students cannot begin on-campus employment until July 23, which is 30 days before classes begin. There are some exceptions to this for transfer students moving their F-1 visa sponsorship from elsewhere in the U.S.

Departments should also encourage current students who want to help new international students to become Global Ambassadors through the Office of Global Engagement. Global Ambassadors serve a vital role in assisting our new international students with acclimating to study at UNMC by answering questions and offering advice both before and after these students arrive to the U.S. The Office of Global Engagement website will be updated with current Global Ambassador information in the near future.

Curricular Practical Training – CPT for F-1 students

A reminder to academic departments that during the summer term many international students may have the opportunity to seek out internship opportunities related to their degree field. These paid and unpaid opportunities can be very beneficial in helping students gain practical experience in the area of study or research they are pursuing. However, it is important to recognize that international students have very different rules

for off-campus work opportunities than domestic students and cannot simply accept any offer and start working. If a student receives an offer to participate in an off-campus internship opportunity, the first step should be to confirm that the academic program is supportive of the opportunity. Paid off-campus opportunities will often result in a suspension of any campus funding, such as a graduate assistantship stipend. The second step is to contact me, the international student advisor to discuss the process of getting approval for this type of off campus training.

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iGlobal changes access

The Office of Global Engagement recently made changes on [gaining access](#) to iGlobal. Department users who wish to gain access must now request access through the [iGlobal portal](#). The original iGlobal Department Access Form will be discontinued.

Additional trainings have been scheduled on how to use iGlobal. To register, please click on a date below:

- [May 19](#)
- [June 7](#)
- [June 21](#)

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Upcoming Events and Deadlines

2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition now open

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

We invite you to explore current opportunities accepting applications:

- [Scholar Awards \[mx.technolutions.net\]](#) include opportunities for teaching, research and professional projects for faculty, artists and professionals with different levels of experience and in all countries and disciplines.
- [Postdoctoral Awards \[mx.technolutions.net\]](#) seek early-career scholars who complete their PhD within five years of the fellowship start date.
- [Distinguished Scholar Awards \[mx.technolutions.net\]](#) are Fulbright's most prestigious category of awards, seeking applicants with significant experience in their area of expertise.
- [Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship \(FPPF\) \[mx.technolutions.net\]](#) is open for U.S. early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to serve in placements in a foreign government ministry or institution in designated countries
- [International Education Administrator \(IEA\) Seminars \[mx.technolutions.net\]](#) allow U.S. international education professionals and senior officials to explore a specific country's education system and make institutional connections during a two week seminar (IEA application deadlines vary by country; [visit our site \[mx.technolutions.net\]](#) for details.)

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