

The Global Glance

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

Premium Processing for applications to the USCIS likely to be expanded

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has approved a USCIS proposal to expand premium processing services to additional case types. This approval is one step closer to implementation. While changes still may occur before the final rule is published, the proposed changes are to include Premium Processing to all employment authorization documents (EAD) applications and most I-539 applications for dependent family members. Processing times for these types of application are expected to be 30 days instead of the current Premium Processing times of 15 days for employer-sponsored I-129 (H-1b and O-1) and I-140 (permanent residence) applications.

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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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New duty of care program in place at the University of Nebraska

The University of Nebraska Travel Office recently announced the new enhanced duty of care program in partnership with Crisis24. This travel program benefits all employees, guests, and students by providing comprehensive safety information, location alerts, and security assistance via the *optional* Worldcue Mobile App, while in travel status for university domestic and international travel.

When travel arrangements are created via Concur or Fox World Travel, the traveler will receive welcome emails from Crisis24. For more information about the new program and the Worldcue Mobile App, [click here.](#)

For questions, contact the NU Travel Office at traveloffice@nebraska.edu or UNMC Global Engagement at global@unmc.edu.

Revised Executive Memorandum 25

On February 28, University of Nebraska President Ted Carter issued a revised version of [Executive Memorandum 25](#), Policy on Higher Risk University-Sponsored International Travel. This version clarifies the CDC and U.S. Department of State travel advisory levels used and streamlines approval processes at the campus level.

As a reminder, please familiarize yourself with the [NU Travel Policy](#) and the [UNMC International Travel Guidance](#) before submitting a request for international travel.

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The OGE is proud to release its 2021 annual report and share our office's success with the entire UNMC community. You can read the [full report here](#).

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

International Photo Contest is now open

The 2022 International Photo Contest is now open and runs through March 28. All UNMC students, staff, and faculty are invited to submit their favorite international travel photos. Find official contest rules and complete the online submission form [here](#).

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2023-24 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition now open

The [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#) is open, featuring more than 400 awards offered in more than 130 countries in all world regions. Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards allow U.S. citizens to teach, research, and carry out professional projects abroad. Applications are due Sept. 15, 2022.

For details about events throughout the competition, featuring specific countries, regions and disciplines, join a scheduled [webinar](#),

State Department Announces 2021-2022 Fulbright Top Producing Institutions
[Click here to see announcement.](#)

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