

June 23, 2020

To: Department Chairs, Directors, Business Officers and Academic Personnel Analysts (via SBCHR-L, SBDIR-L, and SBADM-L)

From: Simran Singh, Director, Office of International Students and Scholars

Re: Presidential Proclamation Suspends Certain Nonimmigrant Entries - NO IMPACT to F-1 students/ J-1 scholars/ or current H-1Bs

On Monday, June 22nd, 2020 an Executive Order was issued, "[Presidential Proclamation Suspending Entry of Aliens Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak.](#)" This order is to take effect on June 24th, 2020.

Who is NOT affected by the proclamation?

- F-1 or J-1 students (including the OPT/STEM OPT program) or the J Research Scholar, Short Term Scholar, Student, and Specialist categories.
- Individuals who are already in the United States. This includes H-1B holders, and those applying for H-1B status from within the United States.
- Any lawful permanent resident of the United States
- Spouses or children of US citizens
- Individuals seeking to enter the United States to provide temporary labor or services essential to the United States food supply chain; and,
- Individuals whose entry would be in the national interest as determined by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or their respective designees.

Who IS affected by the proclamation?

The entry of any individual into the U.S. with the following visas are temporarily suspended until December 31, 2020:

- Individuals seeking entry to the US in H-1B status and anyone accompanying these individuals
- A J-1 visa in the following categories (and dependents): Intern, Trainee, Teacher, Camp Counselor, Au Pair, or Summer Work, and anyone accompanying these individuals (these categories are not used at UCSB)
- An L visa and anyone accompanying these individuals (this visa category is not used at UCSB)

Information for J-1 Exchange Visitors:

This Proclamation does NOT affect the J-1 Exchange Visitor/Scholar categories hosted and supported by UCSB, this is to say the Professor, Research Scholar, Short-Term Scholar, and Student Intern categories. OISS will continue to work individually with academic departments to invite and host scholars in these categories at an appropriate time given the limitations presented by Covid-19.

Information for H-1B Employees:

For UCSB Departments with employees or potential employees currently outside the US, who plan to enter in H-1B status, arrangements will need to be made with Academic Personnel (contact Cindy Doherty at cindy.doherty@ucsb.edu) for these employees' deferred entry to the US. Please contact longtermvisa@sa.ucsb.edu with questions, or for information about potential alternative visa categories for qualified individuals, if entry to the US is required before January 1, 2021.

In addition, the April 22nd, 2020 Proclamation ([Suspension of Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Outbreak](#)) has been extended to December 31, 2020.

OISS will continue to work closely with the UC Office of the President (UCOP), UCSB General Counsel, our sister UC campuses, as well as our professional organizations (NAFSA, AILA) to monitor the issues impacting our international community. OISS assures our international community of students, scholars, and employees that we will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates and information about how proclamations are being implemented.