MARCH 2016
MONTHLY VISA PRESENTATION

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QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES
SCENARIO 1
FACULTY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

1. REGISTER TRAVEL ONLINE

2. NEW POINT OF CONTACT: ZACHARY ROGERS, EDUCATION ABROAD ADVISER, ZROGERS2@KUMC.EDU, 913-588-1482

3. FACULTY MEMBER WILL BE CONTACTED BY OIP AND WILL NEED TO COMPLETE PAPERWORK
   1. DEEMED EXPORT (QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO EXPORT COMPLIANCE OFFICE)

4. IF TAKING PERSONAL DEVICES, FACULTY MEMBER WILL NEED TO BE CLEARED BY INFORMATION SECURITY AND SYSTEMS
   1. CONTACT: JOHN GODFREY, 913-588-7654, JGODFREY@KUMC.EDU

5. OIP CAN ASSIST WITH CHINESE VISA APPLICATION

6. FOR FUTURE TRAVEL, FACULTY MEMBER WILL JUST NEED TO CHECK IN WITH OIP
FACULTY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- REQUIRED TO REGISTER ALL STUDENT, RESIDENT, FACULTY OR ADMINISTRATOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL PERSONAL TRAVEL

- REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AT http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs.html BY CLICKING ON THE REGISTER INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL HERE BUTTON.
INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL/EDUCATION ABROAD POLICY STATEMENT

Because of the complexities of international travel and the need to be aware of Department of State and CDC Travel Warnings and other pertinent safety information, it is required that all student international educational experiences be registered with and approved by the Office of International Programs. Owing to the desire to give logistical and safety support for all members of the KUMC community, it is also mandated that any faculty, resident or staff member participating in an international professional experience as a representative of KUMC, register with the Office of International Programs in advance of travel.

- It is required that everyone who plans to travel for an international professional experience to register with the Office of International Programs.

- International professional experiences are defined as travel to a conference, meeting, seminar, exhibition or any other opportunity or gathering in which the individual is representing the University of Kansas Medical Center.

- It is recommended to register with the Office of International Programs at least 2-4 months prior to departure.

- For more information please visit OIP’s website at: http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs/international-travel-information.html.
SCENARIO 2
H-1B START DATE

- Ultimately it is up to the department and prospective H-1B employee to determine
- Need to consider potential gaps in employment and status as well as how soon can an H-1B be filed (not sooner than 6 months prior to requested H-1B start date)

Recommendations:

- Option 1: H-1B start date can be the date after OPT ends (3/4/2017)
  - H-1B should be filed at the 6-month mark
  - (-) H-1B processing delays: If processing delays do not improve there could be a gap in employment and/or the department would most likely need to pay for premium processing

- Option 2: H-1B start date can be requested within the current STEM OPT period i.e. H-1B start date = December 1, 2016
  - (-) Cuts into OPT time
  - (+) COULD HELP IN AVOIDING TO PAY FOR PREMIUM PROCESSING
  - (+) If case is not approved by start date, Karthika can continue to work at least until the EAD expires while H-1B is pending
VISA UPDATES: CONTINUING USCIS DELAYS WITH PROCESSING H-1B VISAS

- IT IS RECOMMENDED FOR ANY EMPLOYEES CHANGING TO H-1B STATUS TO CONSIDER PREMIUM PROCESSING.
SCENARIO 3
CONRAD 30 OVERVIEW

CONRAD 30 DEFINITION: ALLOWS FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES SUBJECT TO TWO YEAR HOME STAY REQUIREMENT TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AFTER COMPLETING RESIDENCY TRAINING IN A MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA

"Under the Conrad State 30 Program, a U.S. state's department of public health or its equivalent may also recommend waivers of the two-year requirement for foreign medical graduates who have obtained graduate medical education or training, if the FMG agrees to practice "primary care or specialty medicine" for three years in an area designated by HHS as having a shortage of health care professionals." - NAFSA ADVISER’S MANUAL

- EACH STATE IS ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO 30 WAIVERS PER YEAR (OCTOBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD)
- UPON OBTAINING CONRAD 30 WAIVER, THE PHYSICIAN BECOMES ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR AN H-1B VISA TO CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES
### CONRAD 30 OVERVIEW

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At this time, the remaining J-1 visa recommendation slot is reserved for safety-net clinics and practices sites located in rural communities with less than 40 people per square mile, with priority given to primary care.
CONRAD 30 NEW CHANGES AND OVERVIEW

- **CONRAD 30 REQUEST PROCESS AT KUMC:**
  - CONTACT OIP
  - ADVERTISE POSITION NATIONALLY AND REGIONALLY
  - CONSULT WITH BORDEAU IMMIGRATION LAW ON POTENTIAL CONRAD 30 CASE
  - SUBMIT REQUEST FORM + LETTER OF SUPPORT + CANDIDATE’S CV TO OIP
  - DR. KLEIN REVIEWS AND MAKES A DECISION ON REQUEST
  - IF APPROVED, CONTACT BORDEAU IMMIGRATION LAW TO START CONRAD 30 PETITION + SUBSEQUENT H-1B

- **CONRAD 30 REQUEST CAN BE FOUND ON THE OIP WEBSITE AT THIS LINK:** [http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs/inbound-programs/h-1b-employees/conrad-30-requests.html](http://www.kumc.edu/international-programs/inbound-programs/h-1b-employees/conrad-30-requests.html)
CONRAD 30 UPDATES

- New coordinator at State of Kansas overseeing the waiver program.
- Hiring departments would need to advertise the positions:
  - Regional print advertising in Rural Health Education and Services
  - National print advertising in Washington Post or similar national print venue
- In the future, each institution in Kansas would be limited to four waiver requests
  - More competitive
  - May take more time to obtain Conrad 30 approvals (wait until the next cycle)
# J-1 Fee Increase

Effective February 15, 2016, the initial processing fee for J-1 visas will increase for various categories:

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| Research Scholar        | $125                                         |
| Professor               | $125                                         |
| Short-Term Research Scholar | $125                                       |
| Student Intern          | $200                                         |
On March 2, 2016, OMB completed its review of the final STEM OPT rule. The next step is for DHS to send the rule to the Federal Register for publication. We won't know what, if any, changes to the proposed rule were made in the final rule in response to public comment, or the effective date of the rule, until it appears in the Federal Register. However, given the timing it looks likely that DHS will be able to have the rule become effective before the May 10, 2016 vacatur date set by the court in the WashTech lawsuit. One day before it is published in the Federal Register, a public inspection copy of the final STEM OPT rule will be available on the Federal Register's Public Inspection page at www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection. On the following day, the day of publication, the rule will be available in its final form on the Federal Register's Current Issue page at www.federalregister.gov/articles/current.