**H1-B PREMIUM PROCESSING**


**TRAVEL SIGNATURES**

All F-1 and J-1 VISA holder’s planning to travel outside of the U.S. this summer should visit the Office of International Programs prior to departure to obtain a travel signature on Form I-20 or DS-2019 document. Upon your return to the US you will need to send Irina and Alexandria an updated I-94 ([https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html)) and renewed VISA stamp if applicable.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Reception**
  Thursday, May 18, 2017
  4:00-5:30 p.m.
  SON Atrium

  Please join OIP for a reception honoring the participants of the Sino-US Advanced Healthcare Professional Exchange Program.

- **Summer Culture Hour**
  12-12:45 p.m.,
  G004 Orr-Major
  May 4th, 11th
  June 1st, 8th
  July 6th, 13th

**THAT’S A FACT**


**FACTS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE MICROSCOPE**

- The earliest microscopes were known as “flea glasses” because they were used to study small insects.
- A father-son duo, Zacharias and Han Jansen, created the first compound microscope in the 1590s.
- Robert Hooke discovered cells by studying the honeycomb structure of a cork under a microscope.
- Marcello Malpighi, known as the father of microscopic anatomy, found taste buds and red blood cells.

**A MESSAGE FROM OIP**


Scammers have identified themselves as “U.S. Immigration” employees and have altered their caller ID to seem like the call is coming from the DHS OIG hotline (1-800-323-8603). They then demand that the individual provide or verify personally identifiable information, often by telling individuals that they are victims of identity theft.

Read the [DHS OIG fraud alert](https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams) for more details.

**If a Scammer Calls You**

If you receive a call demanding personal information or payment, hang up immediately.

- Call our National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283 to ask if you need to do anything about your case or immigration status,
- Make an [InfoPass appointment](https://www.mynscis.uscis.gov)
- Use [myUSCIS](https://www.uscis.gov/myuscis) to find up-to-date information about your application.

Remember, USCIS officials will never threaten you or ask for payment over the phone or in an email. If we need payment, we will mail a letter on official stationery requesting payment. **Do not give payment over the phone to anyone who claims to be a USCIS official.** In general, we encourage you to protect your personal information and not to provide details about your immigration application in any public area.

**How to Report a Call from a Scammer**

If you receive a scam email or phone call, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [http://1.usa.gov/1suOHSS](http://1.usa.gov/1suOHSS). If you are not sure if it is a scam, forward the suspicious email to the USCIS webmaster at uscis.webmaster@uscis.dhs.gov. USCIS will review the emails received and share with law enforcement agencies as appropriate. Visit the Avoid Scams Initiative at [www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams](http://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams) for more information on common scams and other important tips.