Attention H-1B Faculty and J-1 Visiting Scholars,

We know that many of you have been actively monitoring the news and hearing rumors in recent months of further immigration actions that could have impacts on your immigration status in the U.S.

You may remember that on April 22, 2020, President Trump issued the Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market During the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak. That proclamation, which was directed at those seeking to enter the U.S. as immigrants (aka permanent residents), was set to expire today. This had a limited impact on the immigration-related processes undertaken by the University and our students, scholars, and faculty.

The Presidential Proclamation issued on Monday, June 22nd, 2020 extends that suspension through December 31, 2020 and also adds the following new provisions:

It suspends entry to the U.S. of the nonimmigrants in the following visa categories:

- H-1B or H-2B, and accompanying dependents
- J-1 intern, trainee, teacher, camp counselor, au pair, or summer work travel program and any accompanying dependents (DOES NOT include categories used by UNC Charlotte such as research scholar, professor, student, specialist, short-term scholar)
- L-1 and any accompanying dependents

NOTE: The above suspension applies ONLY IF:

(a) An individual in any of those categories is outside the U.S. as of June 22nd, when the proclamation takes effect;

(b) Does not have a nonimmigrant visa that is valid on June 24, 2020; and

(c) Does not have an official travel document that is valid on June 24, 2020.

**Those with a current valid H-1B, J visa stamp as of June 24, 2020 are not impacted.

**Those inside the U.S. maintaining valid H-1B or J status are not impacted.

**Those in other visa categories are not impacted.

This proclamation expires on December 31, 2020, and may be extended as necessary.
Special Note: For the remainder of the Summer and Fall 2020 semester, travel outside the U.S. could be extremely risky, as further modifications to the above proclamation could be announced. For that reason, the ISSO urges all individuals in J-1 and H-1 status (and their dependents) to please consult with the ISSO prior to making any travel plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to Denise Medeiros (dvmedei@uncc.edu) or Tarek Elshayeb (telshaye@uncc.edu).

Sincerely,

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