



# INTERNATIONAL CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

October 2023

## International Center Hours



Monday-Friday  
8am- 4:30pm

## Drop-In Hours



Tue-Thur 2-4 pm

## Appointments



Students can schedule through Handshake

## Search for Global Opportunities



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**Global**



## Study Abroad

Study Abroad Applications for Semester Programs OPEN on October 14 for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025! Applications are due January 28, 2024. Students may have questions about classes they need to take and the best time for them to go abroad.

Has a student asked you to complete a recommendation for their study abroad application? You'll receive an email with a link to complete the recommendation form. If you wish, you can add a formal letter, but it is not necessary. You will evaluate key components of the applicant and then write a brief paragraph about why they will be a good candidate for study abroad. Thanks for helping students with their journey abroad!

# IEW

## International Education Week!

Traditionally recognized in November, IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education & exchange worldwide.

The International Center kicked off IEW with a record number of students attending the **Global Opportunities Fair** on October 2nd. The **GO Fair** showcases global opportunities for students, including: semester - short-term - faculty led - research and - service programs.

The Traditions Tables hosted by our awesome international population were a great success! Record numbers of students stopped by to learn about traditions, food and cultures abroad.

Be sure to see the photos on the following pages! We are so lucky to have international students help us with these amazing displays!



## International VISITORS

Are you planning to host an International Visitor?  
(i.e. Fulbright, Post Doc, Research Scholar)

Please contact the International Center for detailed steps to follow for the process.





# APPLICATION UPDATES

As the spring recruiting season continues in full force please be mindful that students from certain countries may encounter delays in visa processing.

The turnaround time is shorter prior to the start of the spring term, encourage students to submit their documents in a timely manner.

The soft deadline for visa document processing is November 20. After that dates we will review each situation on a case by case basis.

Please encourage students to be patient and visit the US Consulate website daily to see if appointments have become available.

## *Special Note:*

As the number of students from India increases, we are monitoring the number of visa appointments available. The average wait for an appointment in India is 42 days.

Encourage students to apply as soon as possible!

It is important to understand that when students apply for their student visas, they are required to answer three basic questions:

- What is the reason for your travel to the United States?
- How do you plan to pay for your educational expenses?
- Prove strong ties to your home country.

Challenges once these questions have been answered:

- *Global/political challenges - Some countries are currently going through some political turmoil which impacts the US Consulates availability to provide regular visa services. In some instances, that makes the US Consular Officer sensitive to the applicant's intent to travel to the US.*
- Overcoming the US Consular Officers' perception of immigrant intent.
- The applicant must prove strong ties to their home country.
- Visa appointment shortages.
- The applicant's previous visa application history. If a student has been denied more than two times, this may have an impact on their visa application.

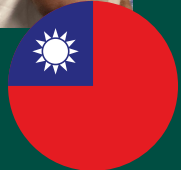
The US Department of State continues to make student visa applications a priority.



# Fair Highlights!



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# Culture and Traditions Shared during IEW!!!



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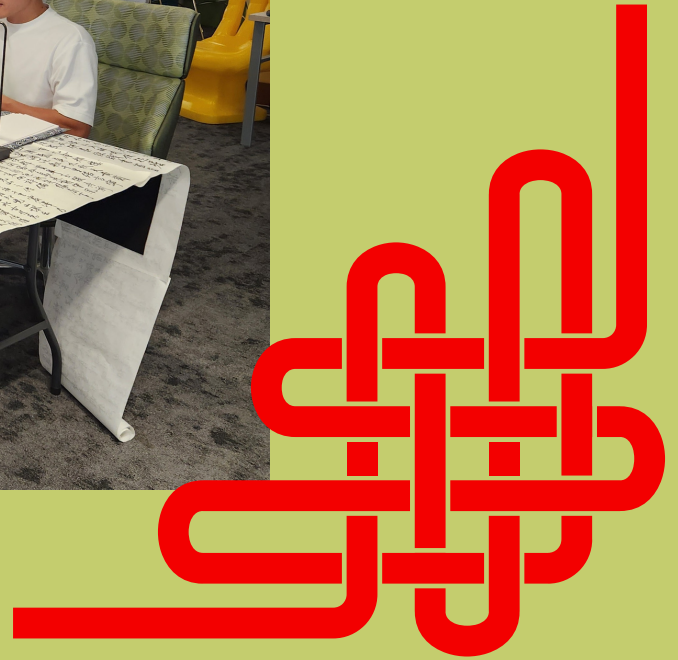
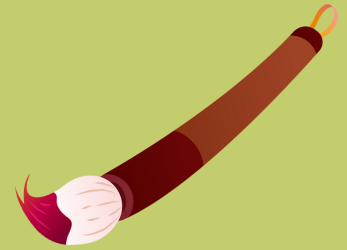
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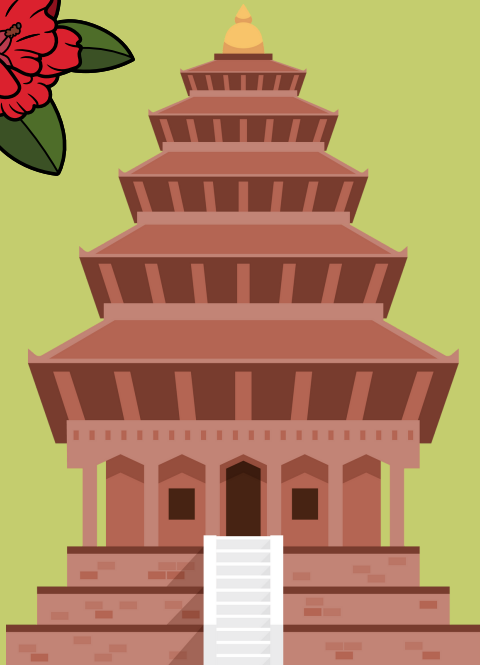
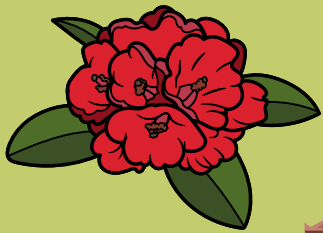
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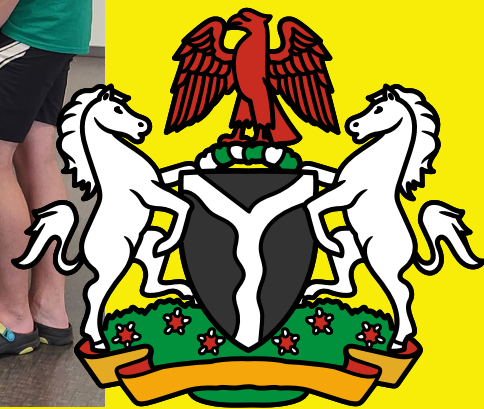
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## Traditions of Nepal



# Nigeria



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Send students our way!

## Meeting with the International Center



### STUDENTS & SCHOLARS APPOINTMENTS

#### Appointments in Handshake

Schedule a one-on-one appointment for a discussion on topics related to International Students & Scholars.



Completion Plans



Health Insurance



Taxes



F-1/J-1 Travel



Work Authorization



### STUDY ABROAD APPOINTMENTS

#### Appointments in Handshake

Schedule a one-on-one appointment for an in-depth discussion with the Study Abroad Coordinator.



Study Abroad Interest



Study Abroad Advising



Application Process



International Student Study Abroad



Other Global Opportunities



### DROP-IN HOURS

Monday - Thursday 2 - 4PM  
Friday - 11am - Noon

Stop by the office for a quick questions or a short 5-10 minute chat - if you need more time we will schedule a follow-up appointment.



Document Pick-Up



Signatures



Social Security



New Student Check-In



General Questions

Please know our staff is working hard to answer all of your questions. If there are no available appointments and you have a time sensitive matter, please email [internationalcenter@clarkson.edu](mailto:internationalcenter@clarkson.edu) so we can arrange an alternative time.



Make an Appointment in Handshake



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The International Center's communication with faculty and staff is key for the success of our programming. In an effort to better communicate with all of our internal audiences, the International Center is in the process of restructuring our intranet site. We would love your input on how best to reach you with our communications and any specific information you typically have trouble locating or would like access to. Email us with your suggestions at [internationalcenter@clarkson.edu](mailto:internationalcenter@clarkson.edu)!