

INTERNATIONAL CENTER NEWS

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FOR FACULTY & STAFF

HAPPY SUMMER



The International Center is offering Zoom Open Hours for new International Students who have made their deposit for fall term.

These sessions will assist them with prearrival questions. When? "even" Wednesdays from 9-10 am

UPDATE

 **International Center Summer Hours**

Monday-Friday
8am- 4:00pm



Drop-In Hours

Summer
Tues-Thur 2-3 pm

Appointments

can be



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Search for Global Opportunities in



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SUMMER

highlights!

Travel is back to normal and students are on the move! Undergraduates participating in summer Global Opportunities:

Summer Programs at Partner Universities = 13



 Australia GBP = 20

 Croatia GBP = 20

 Iceland/Germany GBP = 27 

 Scotland/Netherlands = 20 

 SE Asia GBP = 20  

 Doctors without Borders, Costa Rica = 9

 Sustainability & Environmental Conservation in Kenya = 10

(GBP = Global Business Program)

TOTAL = 139!



Reh Goes to Scotland & Netherlands Facebook Group!

International Visitors: The Process

The International Center assists departments and faculty sponsors with hiring or hosting international faculty, staff and scholars under the J Exchange Visitor Program. This includes:

- assistance with immigration document preparation
- arrival guide for J Scholars
- general scholar advising to those on J visa status



Clarkson can issue documents under the following categories:

- **J Professor / Research Scholar:** Individual whose primary duties are teaching or research. These categories commingle. Length of stay is 3-weeks to 5-years
- **J1 Short-Term Scholar:** A professor, research scholar or person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the US on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, training or demonstrating special skills. Length of stay is up to 6-months.
- **J Student Intern:** Student pursuing a degree outside the US where the internship is fulfilling the education objective for his/her degree at home institution. Special conditions do apply. Length of stay is 3-weeks to 1-year.

Please visit the International Center intranet to view the 'Steps to host a J-1 Scholar'.

Important Note: Please allow at least 2 - 3 months processing prior to the start of the J program. This allows enough time for International Center staff to review and process the visa paperwork, visa processing - and - travel to Clarkson University.

Please email internationalcenter@clarkson.edu with any questions or requests.

VISA APPLICATION Updates!

As the graduate recruiting season continues in full force please be mindful that students from certain countries may encounter delays in visa processing. Please encourage students to be patient and visit the US Consulate website daily to see if appointments have become available.

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

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

Challenges once these questions have been answered:

- Overcoming the US Consular Officers' perception of immigrant
- intent. The applicant must prove strong ties to their home country.
- Visa appointment shortages.
- 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. Natural disasters are also causing delays.
- 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.

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2024-25 Competition is open

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program's 2024-25 competition is open, featuring over 400 awards offered in more than 135 countries. Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards allow academics, professionals and artists who are U.S. citizens to teach, research, and carry out professional projects abroad.

We accept applications until September 15, 2023.

Curious where your Fulbright journey could take you?

[Visit our Webinar Schedule](#)

for details about events throughout the competition, featuring specific countries, regions and disciplines. We look forward to seeing you (virtually) in webinars throughout the year.

Watch for our next issue coming in July!

