



INTERNATIONAL CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

April 4, 2022

Welcome to the International Center where we encourage internationalization through planning and implementation of services in support of global experiences.

Last weekend we celebrated Holi with the help of the International Students Organization and the South Asian Student Intercultural Association! In addition to this celebration, we hosted a field trip to the St. Lawrence Cornell Cooperative Extension where our students learned how maple syrup is made and met some furry friends 🍁





International Visitors: The Process

The International Center is here to assist 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 and general scholar advising 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 co-mingle. 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 reach out to internationalcenter@clarkson.edu with any questions or requests.



Global Opportunities



Helping students interested in studying abroad?
From planning stages to returning home.

Study Abroad **Quick Guide for Academic Advisors**



Intranet Update

We are currently updating our intranet site so some links may be broken and information may be changing. Please feel free to let us know if you have any changes you would like to see implemented!

Embassy / Visa Updates for International Recruitment

Director's Note: As the world rebounds from travel restrictions due to COVID, the past month the focus has shifted to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As mentioned in past editions of this newsletter, visa wait times at US embassies have significantly improved, the International Center will continue to monitor these situations closely as we continue to move forward with fall recruitment.

UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

In this newsletter will be featuring in 2 additional countries from which we are expecting to receive students:

VIETNAM

- Student visa appointment wait time in the US Consulate in Hanoi is approximately **15 calendar days**.
 - Visa processing time in Hanoi is about 2 working days, however, visa processing time may vary depending on individual circumstances and other special requirements.
- Student visa appointment wait time in the US Consulate in Ho Chi Mihn City is approximately **165 calendar days**
 - Visa processing time in Ho Chi Mihn City is about 2 working days, however, visa processing time may vary depending on individual circumstances and other special requirements.
- Expedited appointments are available for students. Students should follow the instructions from the US Consulate website on how to request one. Evidence of SEVIS fee payment is required to request an expedited visa appointment.

ZIMBABWE

- The US Consulate in Harare has set aside three days in June exclusively to interview students who need F1 visas and have class start dates from July through August 2022. The students should reach out to the US Consulate to reserve their time, class start date and scanned pdf of the I-20 document will be necessary to make the reservation.
- Student visa appointment wait time in the US Consulate in Harare is approximately **107 calendar days**.
- Expedited appointments are available for students. Students should follow the instructions from the US Consulate website on how to request one. Expedited appointments are limited, students are encouraged to follow the instructions to avoid delays in the response.

For other countries previously featured visit this [link](#)



English Conversation Corner Program

The English Conversation Corner Program is an eight-week program, sponsored by the Student Success Center, starting on February 1st, 2022, and ending on April 7th, 2022. The program is scheduled from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. To accommodate the needs of all participants and to better serve our students on the CRC and Beacon campus, we will provide a hybrid program that will allow students to participate both in person and online.

The Program aims to provide students non-native English speaking students with an opportunity to enhance their academic-based English language skills in a comfortable learning environment. The English Corner Program provides a forum for international students and Clarkson students to further their understanding of global and cultural practices through dialog, presentations, and issue-based debates. Accordingly, students will enhance their understanding of, and ability to work with, culturally diverse environments.

Please join us for conversation in a small group, low pressure, and a fun environment!!!

Sessions: 11:30 am -1:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday

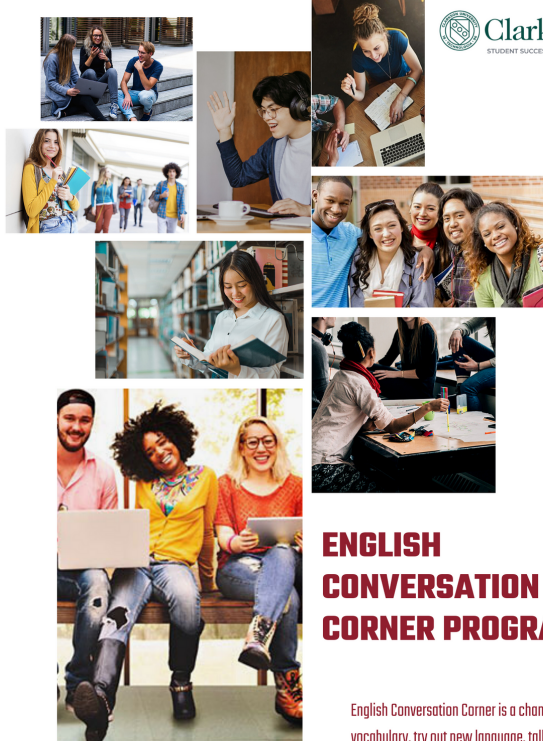
Virtual meeting room: **ZOOM LINK** ID:
91464552323 Passcode: 217425

Classroom: ERC Work Space 2201

Registration: contact Maya Dufresne at
ydufresn@clarkson.edu for more information.

Video link: **EC Spring 2022.mp4**

Learning material: **Spring 2022 - Topics**



Clarkson
STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

**ENGLISH
CONVERSATION
CORNER PROGRAM**

English Conversation Corner is a chance to learn vocabulary, try out new language, talk with new people, and speak without pressure!

ERC 2201 & Zoom

11:30 AM-1:00 PM /TUE & THURS
02/01 -04/07/2022
CONTACT YDUFRESN@CLARKSON.EDU FOR MORE INFO.

Meeting with the International Center



ISS 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



OPEN HOURS

Monday - Thursday 2 - 4PM

Stop by the office for a quick questions or a short 10-15 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 so that we can arrange an alternative time.



Make an Appointment



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!

