



# INTERNATIONAL CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

March 3, 2022

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



## Global Opportunities



Do you have students interested in Studying Abroad? CU Global has summer 2022 and spring 2023 opportunities listed!

- Opportunities to Summer Programs Abroad
- Spring 2023 Semester Programs Applications are Open until April 3rd!
  - Search Programs
    - Program Type: Study
    - Available Term: Spring or Summer

Students can find global opportunities on [CU Global](#).

## 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!



## 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](mailto:internationalcenter@clarkson.edu) with any questions or requests.

# Embassy / Visa Updates for International Recruitment

**Director's Note:** As the world rebounds from travel restrictions due to COVID, the world's focus has shifted this week to a new reality with Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Visa wait times at US embassies in many countries have extended considerably, the International Center will continue to monitor these situations closely as we move forward with fall recruitment.

## UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

As the world tries to regain some semblance of normalcy the US Consulates and Embassies around the world are still trying to get caught up with all the backlogs that the Covid-19 restrictions have caused to the visa application process. We would like to continue updating you with 3 additional countries and going forward will focus on countries where students are expected from.

### CAMEROON

The US Consulate is still operating under reduced capacity.

Visa appointments availability in Cameroon is still limited, they are still dealing with backlogs from previous years.

When students pay their visa fee, they acknowledge that it may take several months to schedule an interview appointment.

Expedited appointments are available for students. Students should follow the instructions from the US Consulate website on how to request one.

Third country applicants are highly discouraged. Priority will be given to nationals/citizens and lawful residents.

### HONG KONG

Student visa appointment wait time in the US Consulate in Hong Kong is approximately 78 calendar days.

Visa processing time is about 3 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.

### PAKISTAN

The US Consulates in Islamabad and Karachi are still operating under very reduced capacity.

Expedited appointments are available for students. Students should follow the instructions from the US Consulate website on how to request one.



The relaunch of the **International Students Organization (ISO)** is finally happening. On Friday, March 4 at 5PM the E-board will be hosting a relaunch event in the International Center conference room on the second floor of the ERC, all students are welcome to stop by for a treat and to learn more about the organization.

More information on the time and details are coming soon, but join us on knight life to keep up to date : <https://knightlife.clarkson.edu/organization/cuiso>



# 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

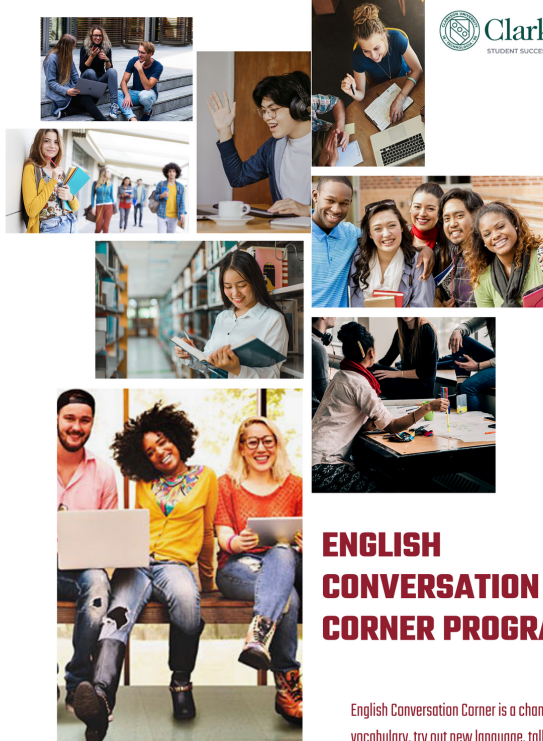
Virtual meeting room: **ZOOM LINK** ID:  
91464552323 Passcode: 217425

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**



**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](mailto: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](mailto:internationalcenter@clarkson.edu)!

