



INTERNATIONAL CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

May 6, 2022

As the semester closes we are saying farewell to some of our International students. To celebrate the wonderful semester we had, we want to share some photos from the events that we held throughout the semester!





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.



Trip Planning

Are you planning an international trip with students in the 2022 - 2023 academic year? Please remember we have resources available for you. Whether you're traveling with students or meeting them there, we want to know who's going abroad! Please complete the Trip Notification Form for us. Types of travel might include: research, conferences, competitions, etc. Additional questions please contact us!

- [CU Programs: A Guide for Planning & Proposing](#)
- [International Trip Notification Form](#)
- [Covid -19 Country Specific Information](#)



Marra Study Abroad Scholarship

The Matthew '09 and Briah Marra Study Abroad Award was established to be used solely to support the study abroad program at Clarkson University. We will be providing scholarships for up to 10 undergraduate students participating in a full semester abroad experience with an approved University partner institution. Award recipients will be announced over the summer.



Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: May News, Resources and Events

[Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2023-24 Competition Open](#)

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program's 2023-24 competition is open, featuring [over 400 awards offered in more than 130 countries](#) in all world regions. Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards allow U.S. citizens to teach, research, and carry out professional projects abroad. Applications are due **September 15, 2022**.

Upcoming Webinars - Join us to learn more

[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! Upcoming events include:

- [TODAY April 27: TEFL and Education](#)
- [April 28: American Historical Association members](#)
- [April 28: S-I-R Opportunities for Community Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions](#)
- [May 4: American Studies](#)
- [May 5: Fine Arts](#)
- [May 11: Opportunities in Egypt](#)
- [May 12: Opportunities in Spain](#)
- [May 16: Scholar-in-Residence Application Q&A – Last Call](#)
- [May 18: Opportunities for Postdoctoral and Early Career Applicants](#)
- [May 25: Business, Economics and Entrepreneurship](#)
- [May 26: Opportunities in Ireland](#)
- [June 2: Opportunities for ASEEES members for Fulbright U.S. Scholar Applicants](#)
- [June 9: Opportunities in Austria](#)

Can't join us live? [All webinars are archived on our site here.](#)

Note that any times listed for webinars or other live resource events are in **U.S. Eastern standard time**.

Meet our newest cohort of Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Alumni Ambassadors!

Join us in welcoming our 10th cohort of Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Alumni Ambassadors! Our Ambassadors are passionate U.S. Scholar alumni selected through a competitive process to actively engage as spokespeople for the Fulbright Program.

[Visit our site](#) to learn more about these scholars' backgrounds, their projects abroad and the impact Fulbright has had on their careers.

Fulbright Scholar Liaison Network: Connecting Your Campus to Opportunities for Faculty and Staff

The Fulbright Scholar Liaison Network is a community of higher education administrators, faculty and program alumni across the United States **servicing as a point of contact for the Scholar Program on their campus**. They facilitate increased participation in the Fulbright Scholar Program via institutional level support and peer to peer engagement. Some also can provide more individualized support for Scholars as they navigate the application process and inform interested faculty on campus processes and procedures related to Fulbright.

Curious if your institution has a liaison?

There are over 1,700 designated Fulbright Scholar Liaisons on college and university campuses throughout the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. [Search our directory here](#) to see who serves in this role on your campus. To update this directory information, please email us at outreach@iie.org.

STUDENT VISA APPLICATION CHALLENGES - IRAN

Our office has recently received many queries regarding the challenges that Iranian students face when they go through the student visa application process. Therefore, we thought it would be prudent to include this relevant information in our Faculty/Staff Newsletter.

We have gathered what we think are the four most important challenges students from Iran face -

Challenge #1 - There is not a US Consulate/Embassy in Iran. Students from Iran typically travel to Armenia, Dubai, or Turkey to apply for their student visas. This inconvenience was especially hard during Covid due to travel restrictions imposed by these countries. However, we have noticed that things are slowly getting back to normal.

Challenge #2 - Many US Consulates/Embassies are, post Covid, resuming their visa services but some serious backlogs remain. Priority is given to the citizens of the country in which the consulate is operating. Consequently, fewer visa interview slots are available to third country applicants.

Challenge #3 - Since US Consulates are experiencing backlogs, a reduced number of expedited/emergency appointments are available to students. However, not everyone is eligible for this path. For example, if a student had a recent visa denial, they are not eligible for an expedited appointment. In this instance, a student will have to wait 6 months before they can request an expedited visa appointment.

When a student does not follow the instructions on how to request an expedited visa appointment, their request will be denied and they will have to wait 6 months before they are eligible to request an expedited visa appointment again. Our International Center encourages students to visit the website of the US Consulate where they are having their visa interview and carefully review the instructions on how to request an expedited visa appointment to avoid a denial.

Challenge #4 - Administrative Processing (AP) is an extra layer of processing that is conducted by the Department of State. Unfortunately, there is nothing Clarkson University can do to expedite the process once a student is placed in AP. In addition, the time an application spends in AP is somewhat unpredictable. Our office has been monitoring the time some of our students have spent in AP. We notice that this can range from 45 days to 11 months.

Recently, another question has begun to emerge - is it necessary for the student to bring their individual study plan to the visa interview?

Please note that not all applicants will be asked to provide a study plan on their visa interview. If the US Consular Officer deems it necessary, he/she will request this information via a questionnaire which the student may complete at a later date. It is up to the student to clearly explain their reason to study in the U.S., including their areas of interest, and the reason why they chose Clarkson University.

We hope that you find this information useful. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to internationalcenter@clarkson.edu

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!

