

June 10, 2021

TO: Whom It May Concern

SUBJECT: In Support of Visa and Entry to the U.S.

The purpose of this letter is to assist Texas A&M University international students with obtaining or renewing an F-1 or J-1 visa and/or entering the United States.

We request the following:

1. That all Texas A&M University F-1 and J-1 students be granted an emergency visa interview.
2. That all Texas A&M University F-1 and J-1 students be granted a visa, if otherwise eligible.
3. That all Texas A&M University F-1 and J-1 students qualify for National Interest Exceptions so that they can enter the United States to begin or continue their academic programs or post-completion training.

F-1 and J-1 students with currently active SEVIS records will not be able to alter the program start date on their Form I-20 or DS-2019 to reflect August 1, 2021 or later because once the SEVIS record is Active, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) does not allow the program start date to be changed.

Texas A&M University students are expected to be on campus for Fall 2021. Classes begin August 30, 2021 for most academic programs. Some programs will have alternative start dates. Please refer to the Academic Calendar at <https://registrar.tamu.edu/Academic-Calendar>.

Please contact International Student Services at iss@tamu.edu or 979-845-1824 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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