



June 24, 2020

Dear Research Community,

On Monday, June 22, 2020, President Trump issued an [Executive Order](#) titled “Proclamation Suspending Entry of Aliens Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak”. As of this moment, the order will go into effect on June 24, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

The Executive Order will **NOT** impact the following visas:

- J alien physicians (medical residents and fellows)
- J research scholars (including post docs) or visiting professors
- F-1 students, including those on OPT or STEM OPT
- Individuals with H-1B status who are currently in the U.S.
- Individuals outside the U.S. with H-1B visas in their passport where the visa is valid on June 24
- Individuals in the United States seeking to change status to H-1B or seeking to extend their H-1B status with a current or new employer

This Executive Order **WILL** impact:

- Individuals outside the U.S. needing a U.S. consulate to issue an H-1B visa (entry document) in their passport. These visas will not be issued by the consulates between June 24 and December 31, 2020.
 - Exceptions to this restriction may be granted for persons whose work is "critical to the defense, law enforcement, diplomacy, or national security of the United States; are involved with the provision of medical care to individuals who have contracted COVID-19 and are currently hospitalized; are involved with the provision of medical research at United States facilities to help the United States combat COVID-19; or are necessary to facilitate the immediate and continued economic recovery of the United States.”

The University of Utah values and encourages international relationships and collaboration. We understand that challenges to legal immigration is of significant concern to our research community. If you are aware of an employee outside the U.S. who has been impacted by the Executive Order, please reach out to:

- [International Students and Scholars Services](#) for J-1s
- [Office of General Counsel](#) for H-1Bs

We caution any J-1 or H-1B employees planning to depart the U.S. prior to 2021 to seek the advice of the relevant office prior to departure so that individual circumstances may be evaluated.

Sincerely,

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