Dear All,

**Two announcements pertaining to the DS-2019 processing for J-1 visa**

1. The summer and end of the fiscal academic year are here, which may mean a relatively "quiet" time in your department, with many faculty and staff on summer vacation. Please keep in mind that DS-2019 requests for J-1 status should be completed and submitted to the Center for Global Services **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** for Post-doctoral Associates, Professors, Visiting Scholars, and Visiting Research Students to enable their timely arrival for Fall, especially since there has been an increase in visa processing delays (Administrative Processing) by the US consulates. This could add **two months of additional wait time** before the visa is issued.

   Please be aware of the following:
   - Anticipate a 3-month timeframe from submittal of a fully completed request to CGS to the issuance of the visa at the U.S. Consulate or Embassy abroad.
   - Wait times for consular visa appointments may be longer during the summer months. Visa wait times can be viewed [here](#).
   - Administrative Processing (background checks/clearance) may be applied to new visa applications as well as to renewals.
   - Be sure to factor in potential delays of Exchange Visitors who travel outside the US and must renew expired visas (does not affect travelers with valid visas).
   - It is ALWAYS advisable to schedule visa appointments, including for visa renewals, in the home country.
   - If requests are submitted with an unrealistic start date, Global Services will recommend a later start date, requiring new documentation and possibly causing further delays. If a department does not wish to amend the start date, but it turns out that it must be amended at a later time, Global Services may assess an additional fee of up to $100.

2. It is with a very heavy heart that I announce the resignation of Julie Hafeez, our International Faculty and Scholar Adviser, who has served Rutgers departments, Centers and Institutes for more than six years. Julie’s last day at Rutgers will be July 20th, 2017. While she is still with us, please try and submit your DS-2019 requests as soon as you can. After July 20th, please allow additional time for DS-2019 processing as we will be short one adviser and in addition, please factor in time we will be spending conducting a search for Julie’s replacement. I am sure many of you will agree that Julie provided impeccable service to the Rutgers community and that we will greatly miss her!! You may send private messages to Julie to her email at jhafeez@global.rutgers.edu. Please also see the attached personal message from Julie.
Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish everyone a great summer!

Best regards,

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