About Our Services

The U-M International Center provides a variety of services to assist international students, scholars, faculty and staff at the University of Michigan, as well as U-M American students seeking opportunities to study, work, or travel abroad. For information about a specific U-M International Center service area, please contact us at 734.764.9310 or icenter@umich.edu.

International Student and Scholar Services

Our International Student and Scholar Services team serves as a key resource to the U-M community in the following ways:

- Advises international students, scholars, their dependents, and University departments on compliance with U.S. immigration laws and regulations related to F and J visa categories
- Recommends and approves immigration benefits
- Verifies, tracks, and submits visa status notifications through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), as required by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Advises on adjustment to U.S. society and American culture, academic concerns and community resources
- Processes DS-2019s, I-20s, travel signatures, and letters needed for travel, employment, maintaining status, social security numbers, and other immigration related matters
- Conducts workshops and orientation sessions for international students, scholars, and U-M departments

International Student and Scholar Health Insurance

The U-M International Center's Health Insurance office administers the University of Michigan mandatory health insurance program for international students and scholars, including providing and processing forms needed for insurance enrollment, changes, and requests for waivers of the insurance requirement. This office also assists students and scholars who have questions or concerns about insurance procedures and filing insurance claims.

Faculty and Staff Immigration Services

Our Faculty and Staff Immigration Services team provides the following services to U-M foreign national employees and departments on the Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses:

- Advises departments on U-M and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) policies and procedures for employing foreign nationals to ensure compliance with U.S. immigration laws and
regulations

- Prepares and files employment-based visa petitions with USCIS on behalf of the University of Michigan
- Coordinates other employment-based immigration petitions in which the University of Michigan is the petitioner with approved, external immigration attorneys retained by the University
- Conducts workshops on topics for foreign national faculty, staff, and U-M departments

Our office does not provide legal immigration advice. If you need legal immigration advice, we recommend consulting a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Global Engagement and Education Abroad

The Global Engagement and Education Abroad team promotes and facilitates the International Center's signature programming, develops relationships with campus partners, and serves as the programmatic function of the International Center.

- Organizes Orientation programs for new international students, scholars and families
- Develops cultural and social events to promote active engagement and inclusion efforts between U.S. and international students
- Administers the International Center Student Council
- Leads Intercultural Leadership Seminar
- Advises students interested in education abroad experiences outside the United States
- Manages Mark and Myra Sorensen International Travel Scholarship and Israel Travel Award
- Prepares and facilitates International Center Global Wolverines for their internship and service project abroad
- Coordinates International Career Pathways
- Facilitates the selection of Raoul Wallenberg International Travel Summer Award
- Provides information about the Peace Corps
- Manages Peace Corps Prep Program

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