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OISS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholar Advising

Kristen Reza is no longer working at UNLV. For scholar visa services and advising, you can contact either Richard Yien, Immigration Specialist, or Kristen Young, OISS Director. Call 895-0143 or email richard.yien@unlv.edu or kristen.young@unlv.edu

MAY 25-29, 2009

May 25 - 29, 2009 many OISS staff will be away from the office attending a conference. Therefore, if you need a travel signature or need to request travel documents, please do so before or after that week. However, if you have an emergency during that week, you can call the OISS at 895-0143 for assistance.

TRAVELLING

Delays in Security Clearances – If you are applying for a visa stamp

If your field of study/research is considered by the U.S. government to be “sensitive,” or if someone with a name similar to yours has committed a crime or is on the government’s watch list, then you may become subject to a Security Clearance when you apply for a U.S. visa. This means that the U.S. Consulate overseas will not issue you a U.S. visa until your security check has cleared a number of government and law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C. Please see the Immigration Specialist at the Office of International Students and Scholars before you travel outside the U.S. to determine if you may be subject to a Security Clearance if applying for a visa. We have recently experienced significant delays in China, India, and Russia.

EXTENDING YOUR STATUS

Remember to check the expiration date of your visa document to see when your immigration status expires. You should contact OISS well in advance to apply for an extension.

- H-1B status - should apply 6 MONTHS before your status expires, especially if you plan to travel outside the U.S. around the time when your H-1B expires.
- J-1 status - should apply at least ONE MONTH before your DS-2019 completion date.
- TN status- should contact OISS at least ONE MONTH before your I-94 expiration date.

We hope you have a good summer!