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Summer International Center Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm
Drop-In Hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 2 pm to 4 pm
Appointments can be scheduled through Handshake. The URL for Handshake is:
<https://clarkson.joinhandshake.com/edu>

Search for Global Opportunities in CU Global at this link:
<https://clarkson-horizons.symplicity.com/https://clarkson-horizons.symplicity.com/>

International Student Population
Fall 2023 - 459 students from 45 countries
Fall 2024 - 518 students from 62 countries

Thank you for helping us welcome 112 new international students!

Global Opportunities Fair Monday, September 30 from 4:30 to 6 pm in ERC second floor

International Education Week is September 30 through October 3
IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education worldwide.
The week kicks off with the Global Opportunities Fair
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students will host traditions/cultural tables in the ERC 2nd Floor

If you would like to promote your Global Program at the GO Fair, please sign up for a table at this link:
<https://forms.gle/37FTFhm4uURNcNxFa>

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F-1 / J-1 Student Status Reminders

1. Students are responsible for maintaining their own status!
2. Enrollment requirements
 - a. Undergraduate student must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits
 - b. Graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 9 creditsIf a student falls below the minimum credits they will be out of status and risk deportation
Please note: international students must not enroll in more than one on-line class per term.
3. Students are not allowed to work more than 20 hours per week. This could potentially affect future benefits.

We are streamlining our processes!

You may have noticed that some of the International Center documents are now completed via Google Forms. The list of forms can be found [here](#)

Goal of this process is to improve our efficiency and reduce paper waste!

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International Visitors: The Process

The International Center assists departments and faculty sponsors with hiring or hosting international faculty, staff and scholars under the J Exchange Visitor Program. This includes:

- assistance with immigration document preparation
- arrival guide for J Scholars
- general scholar advising to those on J visa status

Clarkson can issue documents under the following categories:

- J Professor / Research Scholar: Individual whose primary duties are teaching or research. These categories commingle. Length of stay is 3-weeks to 5-years
- J1 Short-Term Scholar: A professor, research scholar or person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the US on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, training or demonstrating special skills. Length of stay is up to 6-months.
- J Student Intern: Student pursuing a degree outside the US where the internship is fulfilling the education objective for his/her degree at home institution. Special conditions do apply. Length of stay is 3-weeks to 1-year.

Please visit the International Center intranet to view the Steps to host a J-1 Scholar:

<https://intranet.clarkson.edu/student-life/international-center/cu-faculty-staff/#hosting>

Important Note: Please allow at least 2 - 3 months processing prior to the start of the J program. This allows enough time for International Center staff to review and process the visa paperwork, visa processing - and - travel to Clarkson University.

Please email internationalcenter@clarkson.edu with any questions or requests.

Visa Application Updates

As the spring recruiting season continues in full force please be mindful that students from certain countries may encounter delays in visa processing.

The turnaround time is shorter prior to the start of the spring term, please encourage students to submit their documents in a timely manner.

The soft deadline for visa document processing is October 11. After that date we will review each situation on a case by case basis.

Please encourage students to be patient and visit the US Consulate website daily to see if appointments have become available.

It is important to understand that when students apply for their student visas, they are required to answer three basic questions:

- What is the reason for your travel to the United States?
- How do you plan to pay for your educational expenses?
- Prove strong ties to your home country.

Challenges once these questions have been answered:

- Overcoming the US Consular Officers' perception of immigrant intent. The applicant must prove strong ties to their home country.
- Visa appointment shortages.
- Global/political challenges - Some countries are currently going through some political turmoil which impacts the US Consulates availability to provide regular visa services. In some instances, that makes the US Consular Officer sensitive to the applicant's intent to travel to the US. Natural disasters are also causing delays.
- The applicant's previous visa application history. If a student has been denied more than two times, this may have an impact on their visa application.

The US Department of State continues to make student visa applications a priority.

Members of the Biochemistry & Proteomics Laboratories Benefit from the Erasmus+exchange Program
By Jake Newman / September 19, 2024

Members of the Biochemistry & Proteomics Laboratories at Clarkson University, led by Costel C. Darie, a professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, took full advantage of the Erasmus+ exchange program. These members included graduate students Taniya Jayaweera, Pathea Bruno, Aneeta Arshad and Victor Njoku, and faculty Costel C. Darie. The exchange program operates through an agreement between Al. I. Cuza University of Iasi, Romania and Clarkson University. Through this program, every year, a number of students and faculty/staff can travel from Clarkson University to Al. I. Cuza University of Iasi, or vice versa. The travel expenses are entirely supported by the Erasmus+ grant awarded to Al. I. Cuza University of Iasi by the European Union.

The lab members traveled to Dr. Brindusa Alina Petre's lab (Chemistry Department) in Iasi, so they can analyze some breast cancer samples by an instrument called MALDI-MS. This instrument measures small, medium or large molecules, using customized methods. The end goal of the experiments is biomarker discovery, i.e. to find biomarkers that can be used to detect breast cancer. Dr. Petre knows Clarkson University well; she visited Potsdam while herself was an Erasmus+ exchange faculty in 2020, and then returned as a Fulbright Fellow for three months in the summer of 2021.

"We don't have a MALDI-MS at Clarkson, and it is great to have the opportunity to analyze our samples", said Jayaweera. "It is also great to take advantage of this opportunity to understand Romanian culture by visiting some places like Iasi, Bran Castle (aka Dracula Castle) or Turda Salt Mine" ended Jayaweera.

Other Clarkson faculty and/or staff also traveled to Iasi through the Erasmus+ program: Dr. Jim Pepsoski traveled a few years ago and Dr. Daniel Andreescu just went there this summer. Dr. Melissa King will also travel there soon. "We are thankful to the Erasmus+ Offices from Clarkson University (Tess Casler, Christine Bailey & Rebeca Brown) and Al. I. Cuza University Iasi, Romania (Gina Marinescu, Ioana Andreea Serafinceanu, Otilia Matei, Alina-Mihaela Malanciuc, Iolanda Bogles)" said Darie. "It is a great experience for faculty, staff and students, in particular for cultural exchange", ended Darie.

Images of participants:

From left to right, top: Aneeta Arshad, Pathea Bruno, Dr. Alina Petre, Taniya Jayaweera & Victor Njoku in Iasi. Drs. Alina Petre and Darie in front of the Erasmus+ Office in Iasi.

Bottom: from left to right: Victor Njoku, Pathea Bruno, Dr. Alina Petre, Aneeta Arshad & Dr. Costel C. Darie in Iasi. Middle: Aneeta Arshad Pathea Bruno & Taniya Jayaweera at the Bran Castle (aka Dracula's Castle). Right: Taniya Jayaweera at Turda Salt Mine.

We want to hear from you!

The International Center's communication with faculty and staff is key for the success of our programming. In an effort to better communicate with all of our internal audiences, the International Center is in the process of restructuring our intranet site. We would love your input on how best to reach you with our communications and any specific information you typically have trouble locating or would like access to. Email us with your suggestions at internationalcenter@clarkson.edu!