CONSIDERATIONS FOR INVITING INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS OUTSIDE OF THE U.S. TO UCSD: SUMMARY OF IMMIGRATION TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS 8/6/20

1) **Consulates reopened** July 14th; closed since March 20th
2) Backlog of appointments at consulates
3) Resumption of services dependent upon local conditions

1) Prospective scholars will need to spend 14 days outside any of these areas prior to attempting entry to the U.S.
2) National interest exceptions exist for COVID patient care, research, national security
3) “Automatic national interest exception” exists for Schengen area and UK/Ireland
   a) J-1 students and scholars must apply at their local U.S. consulate, following its established protocol. Will likely require letter from PI substantiating the national interest (one successful UCSD case was a researcher working on dissemination of antibiotic resistance genes—an immediate threat emerging from this pandemic).
   b) F-1 students have automatic exception; do not need to apply at consulate

1) H-1B visa issuance suspended for persons outside the U.S. as of 6/24 and without a valid H visa stamp on that date (excluding Canadian citizens)
2) National interest exceptions exist for COVID patient care, research, national security, facilitating U.S. economic recovery

F-1/J-1 graduate students and J-1 researchers (does not apply to undergraduates) with past or present affiliations with institutions supporting the Chinese government’s Military-Civil Fusion strategy may be denied visas
   - U.S. Dept of State will not disclose a list of subject institutions
   - U.S. Dept of State has the authority to revoke visas of current scholars/students at UCSD
   - Does not apply to those studying in fields that would not contribute to the strategy

14-day quarantine required for all international arrivals

U.S. DEPT OF STATE **SUMMARY OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY OTHER COUNTRIES**

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