



Research Live

The Office of Research, in collaboration with other units, offers a series of live Zoom presentations around timely topics for UGA researchers. Research Live builds off our monthly newsletter, [Research Insights](#), which is dedicated to funding opportunities and other research announcements. Below is an upcoming event that may be of interest to you.

“Graduate and Postdoc Visas: Immigration Options in STEM Fields”

Tuesday, March 1, 1 p.m.

Presenters

Dan Berger, partner, Curran, Berger & Kludt (immigration law firm in Northampton, Mass.)

Robin Catmur-Smith, director of immigration services, Office of Global Engagement

Shelley Hooks, associate vice president, Office of Research

Fact Sheet on White House-driven policy announcements on international STEM talent

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/01/21/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-actions-to-attract-stem-talent-and-strengthen-our-economy-and-competitiveness/>

Resource Links

DHS Announcement of Three Agency Policies

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/01/21/dhs-expands-opportunities-us-stem-professionals>

State Department Announcement on Two Agency Policies

<https://www.state.gov/new-initiatives-further-opportunity-for-international-stem-students-scholars-and-researchers-u-s-entities/>

State Department

Early Career STEM Research Initiative

<https://i1visa.state.gov/programs/early-career-stem-research-initiative/>

State Department

Expansion of Academic Training for J-1 STEM grads

<https://j1visa.state.gov/opportunity-for-academic-training-extensions-for-j-1-college-and-university-students-in-stem-fields/>

DHS

Expansion of STEM OPT

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-21/pdf/2022-01188.pdf>

In addition to the Federal Register Notice, the updated STEM List and information about the CIP nomination process for future consideration of possible expansion to the STEM OPT fields list is at ICE.gov/SEVIS/Schools, under the new DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List and CIP Code Nomination Process header.

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Policy Guidance on O-1

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is issuing policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to clarify how USCIS evaluates evidence to determine eligibility for O-1A nonimmigrants of extraordinary ability, with a focus on persons in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) fields, as well as how USCIS determines whether an O-1 beneficiary's prospective work is within the beneficiary's area of extraordinary ability or achievement. <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-2-part-m-chapter-4>

DHS

Policy Guidance on National Interest Waivers

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating policy guidance in the USCIS Policy Manual to address requests for national interest waivers for advanced degree professionals or persons of exceptional ability. <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-6-part-f-chapter-5>