

# The Global Glance

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## Visa/Immigration

### Tax Time for International Students and Scholars

By now, most people who work in the U.S. have received at least one tax document, typically a W-2 wage and tax statement. There are several different tax documents issued by employers, banks and other financial institutions which include 1099 forms and the 1042-S. For international students and scholars, typically with F-1 and J-1 visas, there are always questions about how to file required tax documents each year, even if there is no income to report. UNMC's Office of Global Engagement has been offering tax assistance to the international population for nearly 20 years. While there are countless options available for U.S. citizens and residents for tax purposes, those who are considered non-residents for tax purposes, including most international students and a significant number of research scholars, have different filing requirements. All international students and scholars sponsored for their visa status by UNMC should have received an email announcing how tax assistance will be offered this year. This announcement includes how to determine whether someone is a non-resident or a resident for tax purposes and if non-residency is determined, then instructions in the email should be followed to arrange a virtual tax appointment for one-on-one assistance. For those who meet the definition of residency for tax purposes, any of the commercially available services and software can be used to help with filing taxes. If administrators receive questions about this, please have the student contact the Office of Global Engagement.

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### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Application Fee Increase

The cost to expedite H-1b and O-1 applications, as well as applications to sponsor employees for permanent residence, has recently increased from \$2,500 to \$2,805. This expedite service at the USCIS is called Premium Processing.

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## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

International Photo Contest ends March 31



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UNMC faculty, staff, students and residents are invited to submit up to three of their favorite travel photos for the contest. The online submission process will be through the [Office of Global Engagement website](#), where participants can find the official contest rules and the submission form.

Email questions to [the Office of Global Engagement](#).

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