## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) serves as the internal institutional resource to facilitate and oversee institutional compliance with state, local, and federal laws and regulations regarding the immigration status of all non-U.S. citizens who participate in the academic, research, and clinical endeavors of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Services and programs offered include:

- Advice on immigration issues to university units wishing to host or employ international visitors;
- Institutional compliance with immigration regulations assessment and training;
- Processing of immigrant and non-immigrant visa applications sponsored by the institution;
- Acting as a liaison among institutional departments, government agencies, and private organizations; and,
- Coordinating education and cultural programs and activities that promote the well-being of international visitors, students, trainees, faculty and staff.

To ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations as well as institutional policies, all non-U.S. citizens must check-in with OIA prior to registering for classes in order to obtain the appropriate clearance to begin studies. All non-U.S. citizen students located at UTHealth Houston School of Public Health campuses outside of Houston must check in with the Regional Coordinator located at each campus.

The Office of International Affairs is located in the UTHealth Houston University Center Tower (UCT), Suite 165 (first floor). Appointments are required to ensure that an International Visitor Advisor is available to assist in answering student questions or concerns.

For further information, and/or to make an appointment, please send an email to utoiahouston@uth.tmc.edu or call 713-500-3176. You may also send written communication to:

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