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U.S. Department of State Consular Services
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To Whom It May Concern:

The University of California San Diego is committed to providing primarily in-person instruction throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, subject to restrictions imposed by state and local health authorities in response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

As such, the University expects all students – including F-1 and J-1 international students – to enroll in a full program of study that requires engagement in combination of in-person and/or hybrid instruction this spring. This course modality is in alignment with continued allowances made in the most recent SEVP guidance on COVID-19 released for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The International Students & Programs Office at the University of California San Diego thereby requests your assistance in prioritizing our F-1 and J-1 student visa applications, and if necessary, granting expedited visa appointments to facilitate their timely travel to the U.S. by the start date listed on their Form I-20 or Form DS-2019.

We recognize that individual students may have difficulty entering the U.S. prior to the official start of instruction this upcoming term. In acknowledging these possible delays due to travel restrictions or visa challenges, UC San Diego will allow new students with an initial Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, as well as continuing students with a valid Form I-20 or Form DS-2019, to arrive after their initial session program start date, with permission from their academic department.

Sincerely,

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