To Whom It May Concern:

The University of California San Diego is committed to providing primarily in-person instruction throughout the 2021-2022 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 a combination of in-person and/or hybrid instruction beginning this fall.

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. this fall. UC San Diego’s fall quarter officially begins on September 20, 2021; however, some students may begin as early as August 2, 2021, for certain academic programs and/or required orientation sessions.

We recognize that individual students may have difficulty entering the U.S. prior to the official start of instruction this fall. In acknowledging these possible delays due to travel or visa challenges, UC San Diego will allow new students with an initial I-20 or DS-2019 as well as continuing students with a valid I-20 or DS-2019 to arrive up to the end of Week 2 after the start of fall quarter instruction (October 8, 2021) – the add/drop enrollment deadline – with permission from the academic department.

Sincerely,

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