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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Drug Discovery Involving the Nervous System.

*Date:* June 21-22, 2022.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Lai Yee Leung, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1011D, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1042, [leungl2@csr.nih.gov](mailto:leungl2@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Oncology 1-Basic Translational Integrated Review Group; Molecular Oncogenesis Study Section.

*Date:* June 21-22, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Jian Cao, MD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-827-5902, [caojn@csr.nih.gov](mailto:caojn@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Oncology 1-Basic Translational Integrated Review Group; Tumor Microenvironment Study Section.

*Date:* June 22-23, 2022.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Angela Y. Ng, MBA, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6200, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1715, [ngan@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ngan@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Cell Biology Integrated Review Group; Cellular Mechanisms in Aging and Development Study Section.

*Date:* June 22-23, 2022.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Tami Jo Kingsbury, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 710Q, Bethesda, MD 20892, (410) 274-1352, [tami.kingsbury@nih.gov](mailto:tami.kingsbury@nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

*Date:* June 7, 2022.

*Open:* 10:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

*Agenda:* Discussion of Program Policies and Issues.

*Place:* National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Democracy I, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892-4872, <http://videocast.nih.gov/> (Virtual Meeting).

*Virtual Access:* The meeting will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocast <http://videocast.nih.gov>. Please note, the link to the videocast meeting will be posted within a week of the meeting date. Any member of the public may submit written comments no later than 15 days after the meeting.

*Closed:* 3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Democracy I, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892-4872 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Kathy Salaita, SCD, Chief, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Rm. 800, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-5033, [salaitak@mail.nih.gov](mailto:salaitak@mail.nih.gov).

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

*Date:* June 15, 2022.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F52, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Margaret A. Morris Fears, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F52, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 761-5444, [maggie.morrisfears@nih.gov](mailto:maggie.morrisfears@nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[Docket No. ICEB-2022-0007]

RIN 1653-ZA27

#### Employment Authorization for Afghan F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Situation in Afghanistan

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Afghanistan, regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Afghanistan), and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current situation in Afghanistan. The Secretary is taking action to provide relief to these lawful F-1 nonimmigrant students so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while their academic institution is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant student status. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student who receives employment authorization by means of this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the nonimmigrant student satisfies the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.

**DATES:** This F-1 notice is effective May 20, 2022, through November 20, 2023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Snyder, Unit Chief, Policy and Response Unit, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, MS 5600, U.S.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20536-5600; email: [sevp@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:sevp@ice.dhs.gov), telephone: (703) 603-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information can be found at <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary is exercising authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to temporarily suspend the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Afghanistan, regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Afghanistan), who are present in the United States in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant student status on the date of publication of this notice, and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current situation in Afghanistan. Effective with this publication, suspension of the employment limitations is available through November 20, 2023, for those who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status. DHS will deem an F-1 nonimmigrant student granted employment authorization through this notice to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of the employment authorization, if the student satisfies the minimum course load set forth in this notice.<sup>1</sup> See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(F).

#### Who is covered by this notice?

This notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Are citizens of Afghanistan regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Afghanistan);

<sup>1</sup> Because the suspension of requirements under this notice applies throughout an academic term during which the suspension is in effect, DHS considers an F-1 nonimmigrant student who engages in a reduced course load or employment (or both) after this notice is effective to be engaging in a “full course of study,” see 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6), and eligible for employment authorization, through the end of any academic term for which such student is matriculated as of November 20, 2023, provided the student satisfies the minimum course load requirements in this notice. DHS also considers students who engage in online coursework pursuant to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) guidance for nonimmigrant students to be in compliance with regulations while such guidance remains in effect. See ICE Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19, Nonimmigrant Students & SEVP-Certified Schools: Frequently Asked Questions, <https://www.ice.gov/coronavirus> (last visited May 2, 2022).

(2) Were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i) on the date of publication of this notice;

(3) Are enrolled in an academic institution that is Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified for enrollment for F-1 nonimmigrant students;

(4) Are maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and

(5) Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current situation in Afghanistan.

This notice applies to F-1 nonimmigrant students in an approved private school in kindergarten through grade 12, public school in grades 9 through 12, and undergraduate and graduate education. An F-1 nonimmigrant student covered by this notice who transfers to another SEVP-certified academic institution remains eligible for the relief provided by means of this notice.

#### Why is DHS taking this action?

DHS is taking action to provide relief to Afghan F-1 nonimmigrant students experiencing severe economic hardship due to the current situation in Afghanistan. DHS has reviewed country conditions in Afghanistan and based on that review and input from the U.S. Department of State (DOS), DHS is taking action to allow eligible F-1 nonimmigrant students from Afghanistan to request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain F-1 nonimmigrant student status.

DHS has determined that the current situation in Afghanistan s the need for Special Student Relief. On April 18, 2022, DOS issued a Level 4: Do Not Travel advisory about travel to Afghanistan because of civil unrest, armed conflict, crime, terrorism, and kidnapping.<sup>2</sup> General instability in the country, including instability caused by deep economic challenges, increases the difficulty of establishing security and thwarting the rise of further violent extremism.<sup>3</sup> Internal displacement is rising. As of January 15, 2022, the United Nations High Commissioner for

<sup>2</sup> See *Afghanistan Travel Advisory*, U.S. Dep’t of State (Apr. 18, 2022), <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/afghanistan-advisory.html>.

<sup>3</sup> *Afghanistan’s Collapsing Economy Heightens Risk Of Extremism*, UN Envoy Warns, Radio Free Europe (Nov. 18, 2021), <https://gandhara.rferl.org/a/afghanistan-un-lyons-assets-humanitarian-crisis-hunger/31567075.html>.