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U.S. Department of State Consular Services
United States Customs and Border Protection

Re: Request to Expedite Visa Appointment
F-1/J-1 Student
Fall Quarter 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

The Office of International Students and Scholars at UC Santa Barbara respectfully requests expedited consideration of this student's F1 or J-1 student visa application to facilitate their timely entry into the United States.

The student is expected to arrive no later than the start date listed on their I-20 or DS-2019, which coincides with the first day of classes. To ensure the student can begin their academic program on time, we kindly request consideration for an emergency or expedited visa appointment and application processing.

Federal regulations require all F-1 and J-1 students to enroll in and pursue a full course of study and at the start of the academic term. Delays in obtaining a visa appointment or visa issuance may prevent the student from arriving on time, creating significant hardship due to UC Santa Barbara's accelerated 10-week quarter system.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of International Students and Scholars at OISS@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2929.

Sincerely,

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