IMMIGRATION INTRODUCTION

VANCOUVER, CANADA
SPRING 2023
Vancouver Spring 2023 Interns,

Congratulations on your acceptance to FSU International Program’s Social Work Internship! It’s time to start preparing for the upcoming immigration and visa processes you’ll need to complete to be eligible to attend and complete your internship placement.

You will be working with BUNAC, a work and travel provider, who will lead you through the process of applying for your visa. Please review the information and timeline included in this packet concerning important immigration items and steps that must be completed immediately.

Please contact the Immigration Team, at IP-Visas@fsu.edu, if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

The International Programs Immigration Team
IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR STUDENT VISA

PASSPORT

A valid passport book is required for your program and international travel.

If you have a passport, please ensure it meets the following requirements:
- Has six months of validity beyond your intended date of return (NOVEMBER 5, 2023)
- Must contain at least 2 blank visa pages.

If you do not have a passport, or your current passport does not meet the outlined requirements, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu, immediately for guidance.

Processing times for passport issuance are currently delayed – if you require a new passport, it’s essential you apply as soon as possible. You can find a list of local Passport Acceptance Facilities near you on the U.S. Department of State’s website, found HERE.

INSURANCE, TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS & FLIGHTS

INSURANCE

In order to obtain a Canadian visa, you will require proof of insurance. International Programs will oversee policy enrollment and provide all participants with documentation of coverage from Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI).

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The Canadian Government mandates insurance coverage for the entire duration of your travel. International Programs will insure participants for two days before the start of the program and one day after the end of the program (JANUARY 22, 2023 – MAY 6, 2023).

If you wish to travel to Canada outside the dates of your program, you must obtain your own insurance to ensure coverage for the entirety of your travel. Further information on how to obtain additional insurance through CISI will be provided.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

International Programs highly recommends traveling on a round-trip flight. Due to the imposition of fines for violations in immigration policies, many airlines will not permit passengers to board international flights when traveling on one-way tickets. Because of this, it’s recommended that participants purchase their flight with insurance that would allow them to change the date of their return flight post-purchase.

For questions regarding flight insurance policies and information, please contact your airline directly.
IMPORTANT COMPONENTS FOR STUDENT VISA

CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCE
NON-U.S. & DUAL CITIZENS
Visa requirements for non-U.S. citizens are different from those of U.S. citizens. Please be advised that you will need to be in possession of your Permanent Resident Card, or U.S. visa, to allow re-entry into the U.S. following your program.

If you possess a valid EU Passport, please ensure your passport currently meets all EU validity requirements.

If you are a non-U.S. citizen or hold dual-citizenship status, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu.

CITIZENSHIP & RESIDENCE
CURRENT RESIDENCE
If you currently reside outside of the United States, or if you have lived in a country outside of the U.S. for more than six months, please contact an Immigration Coordinator at IP-Visas@fsu.edu.

BACKGROUND CHECK
For any participants who have lived in a country outside the United States for six months or longer, the Canadian government will require a country-specific background check. If this requirement applies to you, please research the background check request process, HERE, and get started as soon as possible.

The Canadian Government may also randomly select applicants and require they supply an FBI Background Check. If you are selected, please contact International Programs at IP-Visas@fsu.edu for instructions.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT & VISA FEE
FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,500
When entering Canada, you will be required to show proof of financial support in the amount of $2,500.

Your proof of financial support must be recent, and in the name of the student or a parent/legal guardian. More information regarding this requirement will be provided by BUNAC.

VISA COSTS
The total approximate cost of the visa, including BUNAC sponsorship fees, is $1,200.
Please check your passport and make sure it meets all validity requirements. If you do not have a passport, or your current passport does not meet the outlined requirements, please contact IP-Visas@fsu.edu, immediately for guidance.

It is also recommended you make the necessary preparations to your financial accounts in advance to ensure you have adequate liquid funds.

**AUGUST**

**EARLY-AUGUST**

International Programs will provide participants with proof of insurance in the form of a coverage letter from CISI.

**OCTOBER - NOVEMBER**

Once you have been notified of the approval of your visa, you must upload a copy of your visa and your visa approval letter to the IP Student Portal.

**NEXT STEPS**

**BUNAC CONTACT INFORMATION**

To familiarize yourself, and get started on the visa application process, please visit BUNAC’s website, [HERE](#).

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For all contact information, or to send a message to a BUNAC representative, please visit BUNAC’s contact page, [HERE](#).

Be sure to monitor your IP Student Portal and FSU Student Email. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact International Programs at IP-Visas@fsu.edu.