

To: **U.S. Embassy or Consulate, U.S. Department of State OR
U.S. Port of Entry, Customs and Border Protection**

Dear Officer,

This letter confirms that the **University of Connecticut** will operate on an **in-person** basis for Fall 2022 semester, which begins on August 29, 2022. In addition, graduate students who have Graduate Assistantship employment may be required to begin their program earlier, as noted by the program start date on the I-20 or DS-2019 form.

We request that you consider expediting the visa appointment date for University of Connecticut students so they can arrive on time for Fall 2022 term.

In very limited circumstances, and with advance approval, international students may arrive after their program start date. However, late arrival is detrimental to students' cultural adjustment and academic success. Therefore, your efforts to accommodate student visa appointment expedite request and visa processing is very much appreciated.

For visiting scholars, the University is only sponsoring J-1 exchange visitor visas for individuals whose exchange program activity require in-person presence at the University. Therefore, if an exchange visitor presents a DS-2019 form for spring 2022 semester, we have verified that they are coming to conduct an in-person exchange program.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and if you require any further information please contact me at Rae Alexander, rae.alexander@uconn.edu, 860-486-3855.

Sincerely,



Rae Alexander
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PDSO/RO for SEVIS