Penn Travel Symposium 2018

Visa Risk Avoidance in University Travel

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Office of Global Support Services
CHALLENGES IN UNIVERSITY TRAVEL

- Increasingly Complex Visa Requirements
- Lengthy Visa Processing Times
- Too Many Types of Visas
- Visa Rejection
- Denied Boarding/Deportation
- Tuition and Travel Insurance Implications
- Lack of Backup Plans for Visa Issues
- Compliance
Travel Purpose & Frequently Used Visa Categories

**Short Term Visas**
- **Tourism**: Student tours, class trips, vacation, personal travel
- **Business**: Corporate sales; hiring; signing agreements, other activities that representing Penn
- **Unique Visa Categories**: Non-business meetings, attending conference, speaker engagement (Conference visa for India, Non-Business visa for China)

**Long Term Visas**
- **Study**: Enrolled in a foreign institution for full time study; semester or year-long study or exchange programs.
- **Work**: Compensation generating activities; employment or paid internship
IMPLICATIONS WHEN PLANNING AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

• Enrollment date too close to the departure date

• Not knowing the correct types of visa for students, staff and faculty

• Program activities involves work, compensation, research or academic study that requires special visa

• Inviting organization not able to provide required documentation for visa processing

• Students holds foreign passports that requires longer processing time for visa

• Students makes other international travel plans before program starts

• At border crossing, student answers question that triggers additional screening (study, work or research)
Consult with Penn Global about your programs

Consult with CIBT on potential visa needs and processing time

Communicate with students on expectations & implications

Traveler books travel with World Travel

Visit the Penn Portal

Look for visa requirement in CIBT’s DB

Traveler receives personalized requirements

Ship documents to CIBT

Receive Documents

Final document review & dispatch

Quality control

Documents returned to traveler

Submission to Embassy

Retrieval by CIBT Liaison

www.cibtvisas.com/upenn
Your employer, Acme Inc., requires that you complete a business travel assessment before traveling to Canada.

Attempting to enter Canada without the correct local status and documentation can result in negative consequences, such as border delays, detention, and deportation. A business travel assessment offers peace of mind so you can focus on what matters most.

Our Business Travel Assessment is efficient and easy to use.

1. Complete Questionnaire
2. We Review Your Responses
3. Deliver Assessment & Documents
4. Travel to Canada

Begin Business Travel Assessment
Open-ended questions about activities in country elicit superior assessment results, prevents "gaming" of automated assessment platforms.
Traveler alerted to complete Business Travel Assessment

CIBTvisas reviews and determines compliant visa type

If Visa Required, CIBTvisas provides application kit and materials to apply

Application filed and visa issued

Traveler receives documentation certifying compliance and supporting border crossing

CIBTvisas provides bespoke reporting to HR/Mobility/Travel
WHO TO ASK FOR HELP

• CIBT
  – Website inquiries [www.cibtvisas.com/upenn](http://www.cibtvisas.com/upenn)
  – Visa processing questions [Platinumservices@cibt.com](mailto:Platinumservices@cibt.com) or 800-577-2428
  – Application kit instruction questions [Platinumservices@cibt.com](mailto:Platinumservices@cibt.com) or 800-577-2428
  – Escalations [Nan.Piao@CIBT.COM](mailto:Nan.Piao@CIBT.COM)

• Penn Global
  – CIBT Penn portal: [https://global.upenn.edu/travel-guidance/visa-passports](https://global.upenn.edu/travel-guidance/visa-passports)
  – Travel logistics: [https://global.upenn.edu/travel-guidance/travel-logistics](https://global.upenn.edu/travel-guidance/travel-logistics)