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Hi Applicant,

U.S. Embassies and Consulates resumed offering new visa interview appointments for F-1 visas. You can expect long delays for visa appointments as a result of the pause. Check your embassy website frequently for availability.

During the visa screening process, applicants will be asked to share their social media accounts, which must be set to “public”. Refusal to share your social media profiles or make them public could result in additional review and possibly a visa refusal.

According to NAFSA: Association of International Educators, consular officers are looking for the following items in your social media:

- “hostility towards the citizens, culture, government, institutions or founding principles of the United States”
- “advocacy for, aid or support for foreign terrorists and other threats to U.S. national security” and
- “support for unlawful antisemitic harassment or violence"
- "history of political activism” to “consider the likelihood they would continue such activity in the United States”

While visa interviews are resuming for the majority of countries, the U.S. government has restricted or suspended entry for citizens of certain countries. You can find the full list and details with the announcement of these suspensions.

We do not know how long these suspensions will last, but this proclamation tells us they will be reviewed regularly. If you would like to defer (move) your application to a later term, please let us know and we can make that update.

We encourage you to check U.S. embassy websites regularly and continue to watch for updates on this topic.

Thank you for your continued interest in Portland Community College. Again, please let us know if you would like to change your application term.

A reminder, PCC does NOT issue visas. Once an applicant is admitted, they will receive the form I-20, which allows them to apply for an F-1 visa through the U.S. government.

If you have any questions, please email international@pcc.edu.

Thank you,
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