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Foreign Nationals

We would like to welcome all of our foreign national visitors and their families to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. It is our mission to assist invited foreign nationals, their families, and WHOI host departments by advising on federal immigration laws and regulations, and providing counseling on personal and cultural matters.

Many of WHOI's foreign national visitors come to the United States through WHOI's Exchange Visitor Program. Through the U.S. Department of State, WHOI has been designated as a sponsor of an Exchange Visitor Program to provide research opportunities in the various fields of instruction and research conducted by WHOI and to promote the general interest of international educational and cultural exchange.

We hope that all foreign national members of our community enjoy their time and experiences at WHOI, regardless of their length of stay. If we can be of any assistance at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mass Immunization Requirements for International Visitors
To ensure a safe and healthy environment and community, compliance with Massachusetts Immunization Law is a requirement for all incoming international visitors.

While we strive to provide you with the most up-to-date information on immunization requirements, ultimately it is your responsibility to make sure you have the required immunizations.

For more information on immunization requirements, please refer to:
http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/cdc/immunization/guidelines-ma-school-requirements.pdf.

News & Events

Recent news and events that effect foreign nationals.

Pre-Arrival Information

Information on what you will need to do and bring before your arrival in the United States.

During Your Stay

Information on becoming oriented at WHOI, getting paid, maintaining legal status, resources for foreign nationals at the Institution and more.

Travel & Departures

Information on what documents you will need if leaving the country for travel and what steps to take if you are leaving the Institution.

Information for WHOI Sponsors

Suggestions and resources available to department sponsors for use in welcoming international visitors to the Institution and integrating them into the Woods Hole/Falmouth community.

Contact Information & Additional Resources

Contact information for the Foreign National Advisor and links to additional resources.

Forms

Pertinent WHOI and government forms for use by foreign nationals.

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