March 23, 2022

U.S. Department of State Consular Services
United States Customs and Border Protection

Re: University of California, Irvine Instructional Model, Spring Quarter 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

The UCI International Center requests that consulates prioritize this student’s F-1 or J-1 student visa application to allow the student’s entry into the U.S. in a timely manner. It is expected that they will arrive no later than the start of the instruction date listed on the student’s I-20 or DS-2019 document. In order to allow entry by that date we request emergency or expedited processing if necessary.

All F-1 and J-1 students will be required to enroll and pursue a full program of study according to guidance provided by SEVP. In addition, the University of California, Irvine, expects all students to engage in course work that is primarily in person. At a minimum, F-1 and J-1 students will be required to comply with the requirement that they engage in a combination of in-person and remote instruction for the Spring 2022 quarter, subject to restrictions imposed by state and local health authorities in response to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

Please be advised that we recognize that individual students may face difficulty in making an entry to the U.S. prior to the official start of instruction. In acknowledgment of possible travel delays, UCI International Center will allow new students in initial status, and continuing students in active status to arrive by April 15, 2022 in order to properly register the student’s SEVIS record.

Sincerely,

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