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August 11, 2022

Xuewei Jiang
The University of Chicago

RE: H-1B APPROVAL NOTICE

Dear Xuewei Jiang:

We are happy to have received your H-1B approval notice. Enclosed please find the original copy of your H-1B approval notice, which includes a new I-94 card. This serves as evidence of your extension of H-1B status. We have also included a copy of the H-1B petition that was filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Please note that this approval notice relates only to your status while in the United States. If you must travel outside of the U.S., you will need a valid non-immigrant H-1B visa stamp in your passport issued by a U.S. consulate or embassy abroad in order to reenter the U.S. and resume H-1B status. Visa application procedures change frequently; therefore, you should consult the website of the consular office you plan to visit for the most up to date information.

We strongly recommend that you contact our office *several weeks* before you book any travel abroad. **Travel restrictions are subject to change at any time and with little or no warning.**

Please be aware that U.S. Customs and Border Protection implemented I-94 automation where you may not receive a paper I-94 card. Pay close attention to the expiration an officer writes in your passport in these circumstances and you may access your I-94 number and confirmation of the expiration date at www.cbp.gov/I94. **You will need to present your most recent I-797 approval notice upon every reentry to the U.S. Please forward our office any new I-94 card issued upon your reentry to the U.S.**

Additionally, anyone seeking admission to the U.S. must present a passport valid for at least six months beyond the expiration dates of their I-797 approval notices. If your passport expires prior to the expiration date of your I-797 approval notice, the immigration official may issue your I-94 card only to the date of your passport, or in some circumstances six months prior to the expiration date of your passport.

Please pay close attention to the expiration date of both your passport before travel and your I-94 card upon entry to ensure proper admission.

To maintain H-1B status, you must continue to work for The University of Chicago in the capacity as described on the H-1B petition. USCIS guidance indicates that an H-1B amendment must be filed **before** a change in geographic work location takes place. Please contact our office **as soon as you are aware** of a potential change in work location so that the necessary steps may be taken to ensure compliance with immigration regulations. This requirement applies to all H-

1B employees, including those **working remotely from a home office**, so please contact us well in advance of the move date.

If your home address changes, you must notify the USCIS within 10 days by filing Form AR-11 which can be found at www.uscis.gov. Please notify our office **at least two weeks** prior to your change in address if you are a remote employee working from home.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your status in the United States, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Clinton".

Amy Clinton
Supervisor, Non-Immigrant Visas



Receipt Number IOE8526524562		Case Type I129 - PETITION FOR A NONIMMIGRANT WORKER
Received Date 07/27/2022	Priority Date	Petitioner THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Notice Date 08/04/2022	Page 1 of 2	Beneficiary JIANG, XUEWEI
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO c/o CORCORAN, THERESA A KEMPSTER CORCORAN QUICENO & LENZ CALVO L 332 S MICHIGAN AVE STE 1428 CHICAGO IL 60604		Notice Type: Approval Notice Class: H1B Valid from 08/16/2022 to 06/04/2023
<p>The above petition and accompanying request for an extension of stay have been approved. The status of the named beneficiary(ies) in this classification is valid as indicated on the I-94 attached below. The beneficiary(ies) can work for the petitioner pursuant to this approval notice, but only as detailed in the petition and during the petition validity period indicated above, unless otherwise authorized by law. Changes in employment or training may require you to file a new Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.</p> <p>The dates in the I-94 attached below might not be for the same dates as the petition validity dates above because the I-94 below may contain a grace period of up to 10 days before and up to 10 days after the petition validity period for the following classifications: CW-1, E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B, H-2B, H-3, L-1A, L-1B, O-1, O-2, P-1, P-1S, P-2, P-2S, P-3, P-3S, TN-1, and TN-2. An I-94 for H-2A nonimmigrants may contain a grace period of up to one week before and 30 days after the petition validity period. However, the beneficiary(ies) may not work during such grace periods, unless otherwise authorized by law. The decision to grant a grace period and the length of the granted grace period is discretionary, final, and cannot be contested on motion or appeal. Please contact the IRS with any questions about tax withholding.</p> <p>The petitioner should keep the upper portion of this notice. The lower portion should be given to the beneficiary(ies). The beneficiary(ies) should keep the right part (the I-94 portion) with his or her other Forms I-94, Arrival-Departure Record. The I-94 portion should be given to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection when he or she leaves the United States. The left part is for his or her records. A person granted an extension of stay who leaves the U.S. and is not visa-exempt must normally obtain a new visa before returning. The left part can be used when applying for the new visa. If a visa is not required, he or she should present it, along with any other required documentation, when applying for reentry based on this approval notice at a port of entry or pre-flight inspection station. The petitioner may also file Form I-824, Application for Action on an Approved Application or Petition, to request that we notify a consulate, port of entry, or pre-flight inspection office of this approval.</p> <p>The approval of this petition does not guarantee that the beneficiary(ies) will be found to be eligible for a visa, for admission to the United States (if traveling abroad and seeking re-admission), or for a subsequent extension of stay, change of status, or adjustment of status.</p>		
Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.		
USCIS encourages you to sign up for a USCIS online account. To learn more about creating an account and the benefits, go to https://www.uscis.gov/file-online .		
California Service Center U.S. CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SVC P.O. Box 30111 Laguna Niguel CA 92607-0111		
USCIS Contact Center: www.uscis.gov/contactcenter		

PLEASE TEAR OFF FORM I-94 PRINTED BELOW AND STAPLE TO ORIGINAL I-94 IF AVAILABLE

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Receipt# IOE8526524562
I-94# 883365973 A2
NAME JIANG, XUEWEI
CLASS H1B
VALID FROM 08/16/2022 **UNTIL** 06/14/2023

PETITIONER
 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
 5807 S WOODLAWN AVE
 CHICAGO IL 60637

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Receipt Number IOE8526524562
US Citizenship and Immigration Services

I94 Departure Record
Petitioner: THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

14. Family Name JIANG	
15. First (Given) Name XUEWEI	16. Date of Birth 03/13/1993
17. Country of Citizenship China	



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THIS NOTICE IS NOT A VISA AND MAY NOT BE USED IN PLACE OF A VISA.

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act established the Office of the National Ombudsman (ONO) at the Small Business Administration. The ONO assists small businesses with issues related to federal regulations. If you are a small business with a comment or complaint about regulatory enforcement, you may contact the ONO at www.sba.gov/ombudsman or phone 202-205-2417 or fax 202-481-5719.

NOTICE: Although this application or petition has been approved, USCIS and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security reserve the right to verify this information before and/or after making a decision on your case so we can ensure that you have complied with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and other legal authorities. We may review public information and records, contact others by mail, the internet or phone, conduct site inspections of businesses and residences, or use other methods of verification. We will use the information obtained to determine whether you are eligible for the benefit you seek. If we find any derogatory information, we will follow the law in determining whether to provide you (and the legal representative listed on your Form G-28, if you submitted one) an opportunity to address that information before we make a formal decision on your case or start proceedings.

Please see the additional information on the back. You will be notified separately about any other cases you filed.

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NONIMMIGRANT VISA PETITION APPROVAL NOTICE AND VISA STAMP INFORMATION

Enclosed please find your nonimmigrant visa petition approval notice issued by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS). This memorandum provides important information about traveling with a nonimmigrant visa and maintaining such status in the United States. We encourage you to read this information carefully and encourage you to exercise caution in making any travel plans. If you still have questions after reading this memo, please contact our office *several weeks in advance* of any travel plans to discuss.

** COVID-19 related *regional* travel restrictions were lifted on 11/8/2021, however, there are now **vaccination requirements for entry to the U.S.**, please see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html> for guidance and updates, as this may change frequently.

We caution that international travel is still a risk at this time due to unpredictable travel restrictions and consular operations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because most consulates are operating at a limited capacity or with significant backlogs, delays (and possible appointment cancellation) should be anticipated. **Additionally, we are not monitoring local country conditions regarding quarantine or travel requirements.

Form I-94

If your nonimmigrant visa petition included a request for change of status or extension of stay and that request was granted by the USCIS, your approval notice will include a new I-94 Card attached to the bottom of the approval notice. It will serve as evidence of your current status in the United States. Extra care should be taken to protect this document, as the original I-94 card is very difficult to replace. Please note that this I-94 card relates only to your status while in the United States. Except when traveling to Mexico or Canada for less than 30 days, you will be issued a new one by inspecting officers upon each reentry to the United States, in most cases. We strongly recommend that you forward copies of any new I-94 card issued upon your return to the United States to our office. This will help us keep track of any new status expiration dates.

If you are traveling to Canada or Mexico for less than 30 days, please contact our office.

Please be aware that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) implemented I-94 automation in 2013 where you may not receive a paper I-94 card. Pay close attention to the expiration an officer writes in your passport in these circumstances and you may access your I-94 number and confirmation of the expiration date at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>

CAUTION!

If you travel using a passport that is set to expire prior to the expiration of your current non-immigrant status, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can cut your I-94 short to the expiration of your passport. **In this case, you will lose your authorization to stay and work in the U.S. when your I-94 expires.** CBP should not cut your I-94 short for any other reason. Please contact our office immediately if your I-94 does not match your most recent I-797 approval notice.

Change in Work Location

USCIS guidance indicates that an H-1B amendment must be filed **before** a change in geographic work location takes place. Please contact our office **as soon as you are aware** of a potential change in your work location so that the necessary steps may be taken to ensure compliance with immigration regulations. This requirement applies to all H-1B employees, including those working remotely from a home office, so please contact us well in advance of your move date.

Travel Outside of the United States

If you must travel outside of the United States at any time during your nonimmigrant stay or will be entering the United States on your nonimmigrant visa directly from abroad, you will need a valid visa stamp in your passport issued by a U.S. consulate abroad (in most cases, your home country). With very limited exceptions, you will need this visa stamp in order to reenter the country and commence or resume your nonimmigrant status. **You will also need to present your most recent I-797 approval notice upon every reentry to the U.S.**

Each U.S. Consulate requires different documentation to be presented at the visa appointment/interview, so we strongly recommend visiting the website of the specific consulate of embassy that you plan to visit in order to get the most up-to-date information.

Due to national security measures, all visa applicants are now required to be interviewed before any visa can be issued. This means that applicants in visa categories typically exempt from interviews in the past are now required to schedule and appear for interviews. Furthermore, some visa applicants may now also be required to submit to extensive security background checks before a visa can be issued. All of these national security procedures are resulting in delays of visa issuance at the U.S. Consular posts. **PLEASE NOTE: due to current events, visa application procedures, travel restrictions and consulate availability are subject to change at any time and with little or no warning.** For this reason, it is vital that you consult the following official government websites in order to obtain the most updated information about obtaining nonimmigrant visas at U.S. Consulates abroad:

For information about individual U.S. Consular post access information, hours and procedures: <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/>

For visa appointment wait times at each U.S. Consular post:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>

For visa reciprocity fees and limitations on duration:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/Visa-Reciprocity-and-Civil-Documents-by-Country.html>

Each U.S. Consular post may have its own particular application requirements and should be consulted directly through the post website for such requirements. Nevertheless, the following items are uniformly requested by U.S. Consular posts in connection with applications for nonimmigrant employment visas. Those items include the following:

- Completed nonimmigrant visa application form(s). You will be required to fill out the DS 160 form for the consular post where you plan to apply. Please consult the website of the particular post to determine which form(s) are required. The DS 160 may be found at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>. For the DS- 160, you are required to bring a copy of the DS-160 confirmation page or “barcode page” to your appointment. If you have ever had an I-140 immigrant petition or other immigrant petition, such as I-130, filed on your behalf, you must answer **YES** to this question.

Please note that you will be asked to confirm your social media presence. It is expected that consular officials may review this information. Therefore, please take care when presenting yourself online on social networking sites, personal websites, blogs, and dating sites. Please notify our office if you have any questions or concerns about your social media presence.

- All university diploma(s) and transcripts, valid certificates or licenses required for your occupation, including VisaScreen Certificates for health professionals issued within the last 5 years (if applicable), and any previous credential evaluation and translations.
- A job verification letter from your petitioning employer. The letter should provide your job title, job description and salary. It should be typed on company letterhead and signed by the appropriate company official, with their contact information. The Department of State may reach out to this official to verify information.
- The original visa classification approval notice known as Form I-797 (enclosed in your approval package). **Extra care should be taken to protect this document, as this original document is very difficult to replace.** This notice states the period of validity of the nonimmigrant visa petition. Please note, the period of validity for the visa stamp may vary according to the nationality of the applicant. The period may range from the full three year period to one year to as little as 3 months based on visa reciprocity rules between the United States and the applicant’s home country. Again, complete visa reciprocity information can be obtained at

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/Visa-Reciprocity-and-Civil->

[Documents- by-Country.html](#)

- You may be required to upload a digital photograph for your DS-160 application or schedule a separate appointment for photographs and fingerprinting. The U.S. Consular posts require one passport-size photograph for each applicant, including dependent spouses and children. You may wish to bring several photos with you to the post.
- A valid passport. The U.S. Consular posts require each visa applicant to present an individual passport, including children. **Current regulations require visa applicants to present a passport valid for at least six months beyond the expiration dates of their I-797 nonimmigrant visa approval notices.** If your passport will expire prior to the expiration date of your most recent I-797 approval notice, it is likely that your I-94 card, or authorized stay in the U.S., will be cut short to the expiration date of your passport. If this occurs, our office will need to be made aware as soon as possible.
- If you have **dependents (spouse and/or children under 21)** who will be applying for dependent visas, then an **original** marriage certificate and/or birth documents must be presented along with a copy of your approval notice to prove your relationship with these dependents. Please note, separate approval notices for spouses and children are not required for dependent visa stamp issuance. However, **each dependent** will require their own DS-160 application and consular appointment to obtain a visa.
- If you have been working legally under the auspices of your approved nonimmigrant visa petition, then we recommend taking with you a copy of your tax returns for the period you have been in the working in the United States. If the U.S. Consular Officer requests these documents, he/she will focus on whether the correct form was filed with the IRS and whether the amount on the W-2 coincides with the employer and the salary stated in the visa application and job letter.
- If you are now legally working with the petitioning employer, we also recommend that you bring with you your most recent pay vouchers showing that you are presently employed with this company. (Please check with our office if there is a different company name on your pay check/voucher.) Please bring an original, not a photocopy of this pay voucher.
- If available, we recommend bringing a copy of your employee handbook or benefits documentation, including any proof of any current healthcare coverage, or information regarding the coverage you and any dependents may receive upon entry to the U.S.

There will be a fee imposed for each visa stamp issued, based on the reciprocity schedule between the U.S. and your country of nationality. Once again, information about visa fees and

methods of acceptable payment at individual consulates can be obtained at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html>

Upon receiving a visa stamp from a U.S. Consular post, you should check to see that all the information on the visa is correct. If anything is incorrect, applicants should ask to see an officer to have a new visa reissued with the correct information. The incorrect visa stamp should be canceled with the words "canceled without prejudice."

CAUTION! : If you originally entered the United States with a visitor visa and have since changed your status to any other nonimmigrant status, you may be at risk of having your visa application denied at a U.S. Consular post. For this reason, we highly recommend that you contact our office to discuss the facts and issues before traveling outside of the United States.

NOTE: The U.S. Department of State no longer revalidates previously issued visa stamps. All visas are now issued exclusively through U.S. Consular posts abroad.

Traveling with an Existing Visa Stamp

If you still have a valid visa stamp issued in connection with a previous petition for the same nonimmigrant visa category, then you may not need a new visa stamp in your passport. Please contact our office if you are not sure whether a new stamp must be issued. If you are able to travel on the existing visa stamp, then you will need to show the existing visa stamp to the inspecting officer at the port of entry **along with your most recent I-797 approval notice**. We also recommend that you bring along some other documents verifying your current employment. The inspecting officer may ask to see several of your most recent pay stubs, your business card/CV and a job verification letter.

If using an existing visa stamp, please note that the inspecting official should issue you a new I-94 card/admission with an expiration date matching the one on your most recent I-797 approval notice. **Please make sure that the inspecting official issues the I-94 until the expiration date of your new visa petition.** An unnoticed discrepancy in expiration dates can lead to devastating immigration consequences!! For this reason, we recommend that you forward a copy of all new I-94 cards/admissions to our office as soon as possible.

Additionally, you must present a passport valid for at least six months beyond the expiration date of your most recent I-797 approval notice. If your passport expires prior to the expiration date of your I-797 approval notice, the immigration official may issue your I-94 card only to the date of your passport, or in some circumstances six months prior to the expiration date of your passport. Please pay close attention to the expiration date of your passport before travel and your I-94 card upon entry to ensure proper admission.

Please forward our office any new I-94 issued upon your reentry to the U.S.

If your spouse and/or children will be traveling in a dependent status, then they will need to show their valid visa stamp to the inspecting officer at the port of entry along with their most recent I-797 approval notice (if applicable), a copy of your most recent I-797 approval notice, job

verification documents and original marriage and/or birth certificates.

Denial of Change of Status or Extension of Stay

If a change of your status or extension of stay in the United States was not possible due to technical status-related issues, then there will not be a new I-94 card attachment to your petition approval notification. This means that your nonimmigrant status is not yet actually valid. Although the petition has been approved, your nonimmigrant status will not become valid until you are inspected and readmitted to the United States pursuant to a properly issued visa stamp. In many cases, that will require actually obtaining a new visa stamp at a U.S. Consular post abroad. To do so, you will need to travel as soon as possible outside the United States to a country other than Canada or Mexico (unless your home country is Mexico) in order to obtain the visa stamp from a U.S. Consular post. All instructions contained in this memorandum regarding the process for obtaining a visa stamp apply. **In light of complexities in the immigration law regarding the validity of existing visa stamps, we strongly recommend contacting our office before you travel if you have had any status violations in your U.S. nonimmigrant visa history.**

Change of Address Notification

All nonimmigrants must notify the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services of any new home address **within 10 days of a move**. Notification of change of address must be submitted through Form AR-11 online at <https://www.uscis.gov/addresschange>

Termination of Employment – H1B Holders

Immigration regulations require an H-1B employer to notify the USCIS “immediately” of “any material changes in the terms and conditions of employment” affecting an H-1B employee. Termination of employment is considered such a “material change.” Employers may satisfy this notification obligation by sending a letter explaining the change or termination to the USCIS office that approved the petition.

After receipt of a letter from an H-1B employer indicating that the H-1B employee is no longer employed by the employer, the CIS will respond with a notice revoking that employee’s H-1B petition. Employers are not obligated by regulation to inform terminated H-1B employees that the USCIS has revoked the employee’s H-1B petition. As revocation of the H-1B can have serious consequences for an employee, it is recommended that terminated employees maintain open communication channels with prior employers regarding the revocation of H-1B petitions.

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