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To Whom It May Concern,

The Ohio State University is pleased to welcome students to campus for autumn semester 2026. Classes will begin on Tuesday, August 25, but we ask that all international students arrive on campus no later than Tuesday, August 18 in order to participate in mandatory immigration check-in and on campus orientation.

We recognize that individual students may face difficulty entering the United States prior to the official start of instruction. In acknowledgement of possible delays in scheduling a visa appointment or entering the United States, Ohio State will allow new students in initial status to arrive up to 30 days after the start of instruction listed on the student's form I-20 or DS-2019.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of International Affairs at +1 614-292-6101 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST. During non-business hours, you may contact Ohio State's Emergency Line at +1 614-292-6677.

We appreciate your cooperation in making sure our students can arrive on campus in a timely manner in order to start their academic programs for autumn semester 2026.

Sincerely,

**Carina Hansen**

Director  
International Students and Scholars