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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Fellowships in Digestive Diseases and Nutrition.

*Date:* October 18, 2010.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Monaco, 501 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

*Contact Person:* Thomas A. Tatham, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 760, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-3993. [tathamt@mail.nih.gov](mailto:tathamt@mail.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel. Kidney Disease Ancillary Studies.

*Date:* October 18, 2010.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Najma Begum, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, National Institutes of Health, Room 749, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5452, (301) 594-8894. [begumn@nidk.nih.gov](mailto:begumn@nidk.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition

Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Aging Initial Review Group; Behavior and Social Science of Aging Review Committee.

*Date:* October 7-8, 2010.

*Time:* 4 p.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* DoubleTree Bethesda Hotel, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Jeannette L. Johnson, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes on Aging, National Institutes of Health, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 2C-212, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-402-7705, [johnsonj9@nia.nih.gov](mailto:johnsonj9@nia.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of General Medical Sciences Initial Review Group; Minority Programs Review Subcommittee A.

*Date:* November 5, 2010.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Mona R. Trempe, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Drive, Room 3AN12, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-3998, [trempe@mail.nih.gov](mailto:trempe@mail.nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Pathobiology of Kidney Disease Study Section, October 7, 2010, 8 a.m. to October 7, 2010, 7

p.m., Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814 which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2010, 75 FR 53317–53319.

The meeting will be two days October 6, 2010, 7 p.m. to October 7, 2010, 5 p.m. The meeting location remains the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. ICEB–2010–0003]

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### Employment Authorization for Haitian F–1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the January 12, 2010 Earthquake in Haiti

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of suspension of applicability of certain requirements.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the suspension of certain regulatory requirements for F–1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is taking action to provide relief to these F–1 students so they may obtain employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load, while continuing to maintain their F–1 student status. F–1 students who are granted employment authorization by means of this notice will be deemed to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of their employment authorization, provided that they satisfy the minimum course load requirement described in this notice.

**DATES:** This notice is effective September 15, 2010 and will remain in effect until July 22, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Louis Farrell, Director, Student and Exchange Visitor Program; MS 5600, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; 500 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20536–5600; (703) 603–

3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information can be found at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary of Homeland Security is exercising her authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to temporarily suspend the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment. F–1 students granted employment authorization by means of this notice will be deemed to be engaged in a “full course of study” for the duration of their employment authorization if they satisfy the minimum course load described in this notice. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(F).

##### Who is covered by this notice?

This notice applies exclusively to F–1 students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who were lawfully present in the United States in F–1 nonimmigrant status on January 12, 2010 under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i) and (1) are enrolled in an institution that is Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified for enrollment of F–1 students; (2) are currently maintaining F–1 status; and (3) are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

This notice applies both to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as elementary school, middle school, and high school students. The notice, however, applies differently to elementary school, middle school, and high school students, as discussed in Question, “Does this notice apply to elementary school, middle school, and high school students in F–1 status?”

F–1 students covered by this notice who transfer to other academic institutions that are SEVP-certified for enrollment of F–1 students remain eligible for the relief provided by means of this notice.

##### Why is DHS taking this action?

DHS is taking action to provide relief to F–1 students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. These students may obtain employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load, while continuing to maintain their F–1 student status.

Haiti has limited resources to cope with a natural disaster like this

earthquake, which was the strongest one to strike the island nation in 200 years. The country’s critical infrastructure was severely damaged, and many government offices, schools, businesses, and hospitals were completely destroyed. Millions of Haitians have been displaced from their homes and must depend on international aid organizations to receive basic necessities such as food and water.

Approximately 1,127 F–1 students whose country of citizenship is Haiti are enrolled in schools in the United States. Given the extent of the destruction and humanitarian challenges in Haiti, affected F–1 students whose primary means of financial support comes from family members in Haiti may now need to be exempted from the normal student employment requirements to be able to continue their studies in the United States. Without employment authorization, these students may lack the means to meet basic living expenses.

##### What is the minimum course load requirement set forth in this notice?

Undergraduate students who are granted on-campus or off-campus employment authorization under this notice must remain registered for a minimum of six semester/quarter hours of instruction per academic term. Graduate-level F–1 students who are granted on-campus or off-campus employment authorization under this notice must remain registered for a minimum of three semester/quarter hours of instruction per academic term. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(5)(v). In addition, F–1 students (both undergraduate and graduate) granted on-campus or off-campus employment authorization under this notice may count up to the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter of online or distance education toward satisfying this minimum course load requirement, unless the F–1 student’s course of study is in a language study program. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(G). Elementary school, middle school, and high school students must maintain “class attendance for not less than the minimum number of hours a week prescribed by the school for normal progress toward graduation,” as required under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(E).

##### May Haitian F–1 students who already have on-campus or off-campus employment authorization benefit from the suspension of regulatory requirements under this notice?

Yes. Haitian F–1 students who already have on-campus or off-campus employment authorization may benefit under this notice, which suspends