Important Considerations for International Students Awarded the Global Vision Scholarship for Trips Held Outside of the U.S.

## 1. Travel Signature

- **Requirement:** All international students traveling internationally must request a travel signature on their I-20 before departure.
  - Action: Once you have confirmed that you will participate in the trip, submit the travel request form <u>HERE</u>. You will need to submit the form at least one month before you leave for the trip. Plan ahead and get your I-20 signed in advance.

## 2. Visa Requirements for Travel

- Research: Check the visa requirements for the specific country you plan to visit.
  - Note: Visa requirements can vary based on your nationality.
  - o **Action:** Ensure you meet all visa requirements in advance.

## 3. Change of Status to F-1

- If you changed your status to F-1 from inside the U.S.:
  - Action Required: If you have not already done so, you must obtain a new visa prior to participating in the Global Vision trip. To obtain a new U.S. visa, you must travel outside of the U.S. and return.
  - o **Note:** There won't be time to renew your visa during the Global Vision trip.
  - Options: Renew your visa in advance or consider declining the Global Vision opportunity and reapply for a future semester when you will have a visa.

## 4. Expiring Visa

- If your visa is expired or nearing expiration:
  - Action Required: You must obtain a new visa prior to participating in the Global Vision trip. To obtain a new U.S. visa, you must travel outside of the U.S. and return.
  - Note: There won't be time to renew your visa during the Global Vision trip.
  - Options: Renew your visa in advance or consider declining the Global Vision opportunity and reapply for a future semester when you will have a visa.

**Remember:** Always plan ahead and stay informed about your visa and travel requirements to have a seamless experience when participating in the Global Vision program.

For further assistance or clarification, please contact <u>International Student Services</u> – ISSS@ucmo.edu.