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Dear Consular Officers and others,

During the coming weeks, prospective students admitted to The University of Maryland will be applying for F-1 and J-1 visas to enter the U.S. to begin study on our campus.

We are **respectfully asking for expedited visa services** to ensure that students can arrive in time to complete all needed health and safety requirements and begin coursework on time. We want to share the following information about our school and our operational plans for Fall 2026 to assist you in your visa deliberations.

### **Fall 2026 Operations**

The University of Maryland (School Code: BAL214F00061000) is operating fully in person. For compliance International students are required to attend classes in person starting **August 31, 2026**. Students are encouraged to arrive at least one week in advance to fulfill any pertinent health and safety requirements as well as final registration requirements in time to attend classes the first day.

### **About University of Maryland**

Founded in 1856 and located in College Park MD, the University of Maryland is the state's flagship university and one of the original land-grant institutions in America. UMD is a Carnegie R1 classification (Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity)

If you have questions about any admitted international UMD student, please feel free to contact me directly with email being the best option.

Sincerely,

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