



## Member Societies

The American Physiological Society  
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American Society for Investigative Pathology  
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The American Association of Immunologists  
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American Association of Anatomists  
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The American Society of Human Genetics  
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# Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

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Dr. Condoleeza Rice  
Secretary of State  
United States Department of State  
Washington, DC

Dear Dr. Rice:

The extension of Visas Mantis clearance to two to four years is wonderful news for international students and scientists studying in this country. The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) and its 22 professional societies representing more than 65,000 biomedical researchers wish to express our appreciation for this constructive change in visa policy.

The American scientific enterprise benefits immensely from the contributions of international scientists who travel here to study and exchange knowledge. The relationships and collaborations established between U.S. scientists and their foreign colleagues have proven critical to rapid scientific advancement. We maintain our competitive edge as the world leader in science and innovation because we welcome the international scientific community to share their skills and ideas through our research institutions.

The extension of the clearance will make it far easier for students and scientists working here to travel to international scientific meetings and to work with researchers in other nations. It is a common sense change that both protects the security of our nation and sends a welcoming message to the international scientific community. Thank you for this important action.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Kincade, Ph.D.  
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