**Immigration Policies & Procedures**

**Dependents**

Spouses/Dependents are governed by the conditions you agreed to abide by when you accepted your visa. A dependent’s stay in the United States largely depends on the status of the principal F-1 or J-1 holder who petitioned for the visa.

**F-2 Spouses/Dependents** who hold F-2 status are not permitted to accept employment of any kind for pay or any other form of reimbursement. There are no exceptions. Dependents may attend the University part time, but should not enroll full time in a degree program while on F-2 status.

**J-2 Spouses/Dependents** may apply for permission to work only in order to support themself while the J-1 spouse is pursuing the primary goal. Contact the International Student Advisor for assistance.

**Children Born in the United States:** Any child born in the United States (except if born to a diplomat) is automatically a United States citizen until adulthood at which time he or she may have to choose which country’s citizenship to retain. If your child is born in the U.S., register the birth with your Consulate. The U.S. citizenship of a child does not confer US permanent resident eligibility to its father or mother until that child reaches the age of 21, at which time a petition on their behalf may be filed by the child. To record the U.S. citizenship of a child born here, you may apply for a passport for the child at the local U.S. Post Office or at the U.S. Passport Agency, 525 Market Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, 415-974-7972 or 415-974-9941.