The mission of the International Office is to support the comprehensive internationalization goals of Texas State University and assist the university in developing and maintaining an internationally diverse student body, faculty, and staff by:

- Serving as immigration and cultural advisors to international students and scholars; advocating on their behalf, and providing services and information that facilitate their cultural adjustment, social integration, retention and success;
- Assisting the university at large, international students, scholars, alumni, faculty and staff in particular, in complying with various governmental policies and regulations;
- Contributing to the research and teaching mission of the university by assisting with employment authorization for distinguished international scholars, faculty and staff;
- Promoting global awareness and internationalization at the university by facilitating international agreements, and by administering international programming through hosting and sponsoring international events.

### Health Insurance Requirement for Non-immigrant International Students

Texas State University has a health insurance requirement for international students that must be met each semester. All international students on non-immigrant visas are required by university policy to have health insurance coverage while enrolled in classes at Texas State. International students have two options for meeting this requirement - purchase the student health plan or request a waiver by submitting proof of health insurance coverage that is provided by a U.S. employer or paid for by the student’s home country or U.S. Government.

Exchange students must purchase the student plan. There is no option to submit a waiver request.

Effective Fall 2016 the university will not add the health insurance charge to student’s account and will not enroll students in the student plan.

Email notifications to the student’s Texas State email account will be sent regarding this requirement each semester. Information is available at: http://www.international.txstate.edu/current/Health-insurance-.html.

Students who do not meet this requirement by the deadline date, will have a “Hold” placed on their student account. A “Hold” will prevent them from changing classes, registering for the next semester classes, applying for graduation, and applying for OPT. These holds can jeopardize status due to not maintaining F-1 requirements of enrollment. After this deadline, students will only be able to have their “Hold” removed by showing proof of purchase and enrollment in the student health plan. An email copy of the payment receipt or email confirmation from Academic Health Plan will need to be sent to intlhealth@txstate.edu in order for a hold to be removed. Waiver requests will not be allowed after the waiver deadline.