

Faculty Form for Inviting a J-1 Scholar

The J-1 Exchange Visitor Program was developed by the Department of State (DOS) in 1961 “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges.” J-1 scholars are non-immigrants pursuing a specific program objective at academic institutions in the U.S., as designated by the DOS and the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

OSU hosts foreign nationals in many different J-1 Exchange Visitor categories. Depending on the visitor’s educational background, and both past and future immigration concerns of the visitor, one category may be more appropriate than the other. J-1 scholars are categorized as Research Scholars, Professors, Short-Term Scholars, or Specialists.

Research Scholar: is the most common category of Exchange Visitor at OSU. Research Scholars are individuals concerned **primarily with conducting research, observing, or consulting in connection with a research project** (even if such individuals are professors at their home institutions). Research Scholars are allowed to teach or lecture. A DS-2019 can be issued for a Research Scholar for any length from **3 weeks up to 5 years**.

Foreign nationals who have been in any category of J-1 visa (except Short-Term Scholar) in the previous 24 months are NOT allowed to begin a new Research Scholar visit. This rule is known as the “24-month Bar.”

Short-Term Scholar: Short-Term Scholars may be a Professor, Researcher, Specialist, or a person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the U.S. on a short-term visit for the **purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills**. A DS-2019 can be issued for a Short-Term Scholar for any length from **1 day up to a maximum of 6 months**.

The Short-Term Scholar category is very flexible and can be used to accommodate many types of short visits, and is NOT subject to the “24-month Bar”. Therefore, it is recommended that Short-Term Scholar category be used for visits of less than 6 months, and it is advised that a Research Scholar category be used if there is a possibility that the J-1 scholar’s visit could be extended beyond 6 months.

Professor: J-1 Professors are concerned **primarily with teaching, lecturing, observing, or consulting**. J-1 Professors may also participate in departmental research. The Research Scholar category is more appropriate if the exchange visitor will be here to primarily to conduct research, even if the individual is a Professor in the home country. A DS-2019 can be issued for a Professor for any length from **3 weeks up to 5 years**.

Funding the J-1 Scholar

J-1 scholars are allowed to be paid from multiple sources including OSU, the visitor’s home government, personal sources and private organizations.

Minimum funding levels are as follows:

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| J-1 scholar | \$19,200/year (\$1,600/month) |
| J-2 spouse | \$9,000/year (\$750/month) |
| J-2 child (under 21) | \$6,600/year/child (\$550/month) |

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Please provide the following information and return this form to your Departmental Immigration Contact, Tammy Freitas (freitas.6@osu.edu).

Faculty host's name:

Name of visiting scholar:

Email address of scholar:

Proposed start-date of OSU visit:

Proposed end-date of OSU visit:

Brief description of field of activity while at OSU (i.e. observe thoracic surgery, teach history of Asian art, research in avian diseases, etc.). Description should not exceed 5-6 words:

Visitor Category (Select one): Research Scholar Short-Term Scholar Professor

Will you be providing the visiting scholar with a salary? Yes No

If yes, what is the monthly amount?

OSU Funding Source?

Will you be providing the visiting scholar with a monthly living expense payment? Yes No

If yes, what is the monthly amount?

OSU Funding Source?

J-1 visa related fees to be paid by Faculty sponsor

\$366.00 J-1 visa casework fee payable to the university's Office of International Affairs (OIA). This fee is required to be paid by the faculty sponsor and NOT the scholar.

~ \$60.00 Express postage to ship DS-2019 form to the scholar

~ \$20.00 Background check

Funding source to use for these fees: