

Timeline and Eligibility Criteria for J-1 Scholar Sponsorship

Visiting Scholar appointments are handled at the departmental level. ISSS becomes involved once a department notifies us that they would like to invite an international visitor to campus. If a department connection has not already been made, it is recommended that prospective visitors review the websites of departments/centers on campus that they are interested in collaborating with and identify faculty members that share similar research interests. Once a faculty member with similar interests is identified, the prospective visitor should reach out by email to see if there are any available opportunities for collaboration with the faculty member/department.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Primary activity is **research and/or teaching** – not to take classes or sit as untraditional student/student without tuition
 - Temporary intention
 - No tenure track appointments
 - No patient contact or care
- Visitor holds **Bachelor's degree or higher** and has relevant experience required to conduct activity
- Visitor meets **minimum funding** requirement
 - Currently \$2,000 per month (+ additional funding for any J-2 dependents)
 - If department charges fee, minimum must be met beyond the departmental charge
- Visitor and any J-2 dependents must maintain **health insurance** that meets the Department of State's requirements
 - ✓ **GeoBlue**
 - ✓ Postdoc Health Insurance Plan
 - X **None of the State Health Plans meet the J-1 requirements**
 - Includes periods when J-1 or J-2 is outside the U.S.
- Sufficient proficiency in English language
 - Able to successfully participate in program *and* function on a day-to-day basis
 - Prospective visitor meets one of the listed criteria to demonstrate English language proficiency as outlined in ISSS Guidelines

Timeline:

- ISSS must receive complete, authorized request form with supplemental documents **3 months** prior to EV's visit to provide sufficient time for processing and obtaining visa sticker abroad