



**J-1 Exchange Visitor (Scholar) Department Signature**

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Visiting Scholar Department Signatures for Eligibility

Last Name

First Name

Name of Michigan Tech Faculty Requesting J-1 Exchange Visitor

Department

Phone Number of Michigan Tech Faculty Requesting J-1 Exchange Visitor

***Next page, "Visitor Eligibility" must be signed and attached. Complete J-1 Exchange Visitor Dependent Information Form, if applicable***

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Department Head Approval (*Signature REQUIRED*)

## Visitor Eligibility to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program as a Professor or Research Scholar

An individual may be selected for participation subject to the following conditions:

1. Possess English Language proficiency sufficient to participate in the program (attach test or signed document).
2. The exchange visitor must not be a candidate for a tenure track position (see 22 CFR 62.20 (d)(1))
3. In addition, there are two bars that apply to everyone acquiring J-1 status in the Research Scholar or Professor categories. One is a new 24-month repeat participation bar. The other is the existing 12-month bar. If EITHER bar applies, the person is prohibited by the U.S. Department of State from:
  - Entering the U.S. in a J-1 Research Scholar or Professor program
  - Changing their status to J-1 Research Scholar or Professor (if inside the U.S.)

NOTE: Neither of these bars has any impact on the two-year home residency requirement that applies to many J-1 scholars. The home residency requirement is separate from the two bars.

### 12-Month Bar:

Has this person been in the US on *any* J status in the last 12 months? If yes, this person cannot begin a new program as a J-1 Research Scholar or Professor.

NOTE: If s/he was a Research Scholar or Professor on or after November 18, 2006, the question is moot because the 24-month repeat participation bar applies. If s/he was a J-1 Research Scholar or Professor before November 18, 2006, or in one of the other categories that would be affected, such as J-1 student, J-2 dependent, Physician, Specialist, Trainee, Au Pair, Summer Work Study, Camp Counselor, the 12-month bar would apply.

- Exception: Being a Short-Term Scholar does not subject a person to the bar.

### 24-Month Bar:

An exchange visitor is *NOT* eligible for participation as a Professor or Research Scholar for a period of two years following the program end date identified in SEVIS if he or she meets these two criteria:

- Entered the United States under the Exchange Visitor Program as a Professor or Research Scholar, or who has acquired such status while in the United States AND
- Completed his or her program

In other words: Has this person had J-1 status in the Research Scholar or Professor categories in the last 24 months? If yes, this person cannot begin a new program as a J-1 Research Scholar or Professor.

- Exception: If the last program ended in SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, Department of Homeland Security) before November 18, 2006
- Exception: Being a Short-Term Scholar does not subject a person to the bar.

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I certify that the person for whom I am requesting a DS-2019 is eligible to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program as a Professor or Research Scholar as explained above.

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*Signature of Person Requesting DS-2019*

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*Date*