J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM AT KUMC

• J-1 VISAS OVERVIEW:
  – U.S. Department of State oversees the program
  – EMPHASIS ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE
  – Status allows work and study
    • However, activity of J-1 must be defined
  – NO PATIENT CARE OR INCIDENTAL PATIENT CONTACT PERMITTED
    • Unless sponsored by the ECFMG under J-1 Alien Physician
# EXCHANGE VISITOR CATEGORIES

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J-1 REQUEST PROCESS

Request for DS-2019 and supporting documents submitted to OIP.

OIP processes DS-2019 request (10-day turnaround).


Hiring department sends DS-2019 document to J-1 Exchange Visitor.


J-1 Exchange Visitor arrives in Kansas City and attends a check-in appointment with OIP to validate his or her DS-2019.
J-1 REQUEST PROCESS

- For urgent request, please notify OIP.
FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

• **Minimum funding requirement is $18,620 J-1 exchange visitor.**
  – For dependents (J-2 visa), it's an additional $3180.

• If exchange visitor is funded through a scholarship, home government grant, or other institution evidence should be included that shows that the specified support is for the J-1 to participate in a program at KUMC.

• If documents are not in English, copies of certified English translations should be included.

• If exchange visitor is funded through personal funds, a bank statement in English should be provided that shows available funds for the proposed exchange visit.

• Proof of funding **should not be older than six months.**
J-1 Check-In

- J-1 Exchange Visitors must check-in with OIP upon arrival at KUMC and prior to starting their program.

- At Check-In, J-1s will need to bring the following:
  - **Insurance** – Health, Medical Evacuation & Repatriation
    - Mandated by U.S. regulations (22 C.F.R. § 62.14)
  - DS-2019
  - I-94 (now available online [https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/))
  - Passport
  - Visa
  - Current address
CHANGES DURING J-1 PROGRAM

• Report any of the following changes to OIP to J-1 Exchange Visitor’s program:
  1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
  2. ACTIVITY OR RESPONSIBILITIES
  3. ADDRESS OF SITE OF ACTIVITY

• File timely requests for:
  1. PROGRAM EXTENSION
  2. CHANGE OF STATUS
212 (E)
2-YEAR HOME STAY REQUIREMENT

• Basis:
  – Government Funding
  – Exchange Visitor Skills List
  – Graduate Medical Education or Training

• If subject, J-1 exchange visitor is required to go back to home country for 2 years.

• Waiver options are available.
  – 6 to 8 month process
• 22 C.F.R. § 62.8(d)
“Cross-cultural activities. Sponsors shall:

(1) Offer or make available to exchange visitors a variety of appropriate cross-cultural activities. The extent and types of the cross-cultural activities shall be determined by the needs and interests of the particular category of exchange visitor. Sponsors will be responsible to determine the appropriate type and number of cross-cultural programs for their exchange visitors. The Department of State encourages sponsors to give their exchange visitors the broadest exposure to American society, culture and institutions…”

• OIP will be requiring that KUMC’s exchange visitors attend one cultural exchange activity per month.

The Culture Hour

A Casual Forum
For Students, Faculty, and Staff
Insights, Questions, and Concerns
About Culture

Every Thursday
Noon—12:45 p.m.
Calkins Conference Room, Goodwin
Bring a lunch or Lite Refreshments served.
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For more information:
Kimberly Connelly 918-1460 or kconnelly@kuce.edu

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J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM CHANGES
• Effective January 1, 2015, OIP will implement an initial DS-2019 processing fee.
  – Initial DS-2019 Fee: $75.00
• Fee should be paid by the hiring/sponsoring department.
J SUBPART A RULE

• U.S. Department of State issued this new rule on October 6, 2014
• The majority of the rule will go into effect January 5, 2015
J SUBPART A RULE

- Major changes:
  1. New Health Insurance Requirements
  2. English Language Proficiency
  3. Program Sponsors Responsibilities and Reporting Requirements
• **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**
  – The only part of J Subpart A Rule that goes into effect on May 15, 2015.

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INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- "Sponsors must inform all exchange visitors that they, and any accompanying spouse and dependent(s), also may be subject to the requirements of the Affordable Care Act." [22 CFR 62.14(a)]

- KUMC Benefits
  - Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Coverage still has to be purchased separately

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

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<td>“The current rule requires sponsors to determine that a prospective exchange visitor &quot;possesses sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in his or her program,&quot; without specifying how that should be accomplished.”**</td>
<td>&quot;sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis.&quot; [22 CFR 62.11(a)(2)]</td>
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• ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS
  – NEW RULE:
    • Objective Measurements:
      – A recognized English language test;
      – Signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school; or
      – A documented interview conducted by the sponsor either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option**

OTHER NOTABLE CHANGES:

1. We must report email addresses for both J-1 and J-2 exchange visitors in SEVIS
2. "report in SEVIS if accompanying spouses and/or dependents depart from the United States prior to the exchange visitors’ departure dates”**
3. Report any changes to Exchange Visitor’s record within 10 days of notification

QUESTIONS?