

A visitor must show minimum funding of \$2,000 per month for him- or her-self, minimum funding of \$500 per month for each accompanying dependent child under age 21, and minimum finding of \$500 per month for an accompanying spouse. U. S. government regulations require that anyone in J-1 status and J-2 dependent status purchase adequate health insurance as defined by the United States information Agency. Further details about health insurance will be provided to the Exchange Visitors before their arrival in the U.S.

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Please complete this section for any family members who will travel with the visitor to the U.S. or who will arrive later to join the visitor. Please also provide a copy of the biographical pages of the passport, with expiration date, for each accompanying dependent and/or spouse. Only the visitor's spouse and children under age 21 may be included as family members. The visitor's family member will hold a J-2 status in the U.S.

Name (Family/Last, First/given, middle)	Relationship (spouse, daughter, son)	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	City and Country of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Country of Permanent Residence

Will the scholar's family travel with the visitor to the U.S.? Yes No

If the family will travel separately, when are they to arrive? Expected arrival date: _____

Please attach a copy of each J-2 dependent's passport (biographic data page)

Is your spouse planning to seek paid employment in the U.S.? No Yes If yes, what type of work? _____

US VISA HISTORY:

1. Is the visitor currently in the U.S.? Yes No

If yes, please indicate current visa status and check one: _____

☐ S/he will be leaving the U.S. and returning before s/he begins the appointment at Bryant University

Give destination and travel dates: _____

☐ S/he will be requesting a transfer of his or her current J-1 status.

☐ S/he will be requesting a change of non-immigrant visa status to _____.

Attach a photocopy of all previous visa documents including Form I-94, DS-2019 forms, I-20 forms, H-1B approval.

2. During the past twenty four (24) months, has the visitor been in the U.S. in any visa classification other than tourist?

Yes No If yes, visa status: _____ Date: _____

3. Please attach photocopies of the visitor's current passport page (biographic data and photo page), along with all current and/or previous visa documents (if applicable), including I-94 records, DS-2019s, I-20s, EAD cards, and/or H1B approvals.)

IMPORTANT: Scholars applying in the research scholar/professor category might be subject to a 6 or 24 month bar based on completion of a previous J-program. The Office of International Affairs will evaluate eligibility after reviewing the prospective scholar's immigration history and the supporting documentation.

Documents that must be included with this request:

- Copy of the appointment/invitation letter;
- Original statement or letter of financial support (Refer to Financial Support Guidelines below);
- Desired J-1 Scholar Category Selection Form;
- Copy of the Exchange Visitor's CV or resume, including academic credentials (highest degree completed).
- Copy of the biographical pages of the passport, with expiration date, for the visitor and each accompanying dependent and/or spouse.

Upon receipt of the complete packet, the OIA will initiate a request through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) to generate Form DS 2019. This process may take several weeks. Once the DS-2019 form is issued, it will be sent to the Exchange Visitor directly, along with their pre-arrival orientation materials.

Questions: Please contact the Office of International Affairs

Bryant University
Office of International Affairs
Desired J-1 Scholar Category Selection Form

The Office of International Affairs will evaluate the information submitted by the host faculty/department to make the final determination of the most appropriate J visa category for the scholar. Bryant University has authorization to issue DS-2019s for professors and researchers in the “short-term scholar” and “research scholar/professor” J-categories.

Important Limitations to the Use of the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor Category: *The following 12- and 24-month bar is DIFFERENT from the 212(e) two year foreign residence requirement.*

12-month bar: This limitation applies when the scholar has previously been in any J status for more than 6 month during the 12 months prior to the new program start date in the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor category. The scholar must wait for 12 months after the end of any J status before beginning another J-1 program in the research scholar/professor category.

24-month bar: This limitation applies when the scholar already completed a J-1 program as a research scholar/professor. In this case, the scholar will have to wait for 24 months to return to the US using a new J-1 program in the “research scholar/professor” category. *The 2 year home residency requirement is not the same as the 24 moth-bar.*

Please mark the J-1 category the department would like to request:

☐ **J-1 Short-term Scholar:** This category is appropriate for visiting scholars with a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and appropriate experience in the field in which research is to be conducted. This category is appropriate for professors, research scholars or a person with similar education or accomplishments coming on a short-term visit (no longer than six months) for the purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training or demonstrating special skills. **The visit cannot be extended past 6 months under any circumstances.**

Advantage: Category does not subject the scholar to the 12- or 24-month bars. The scholar may return to the U.S. in a J category again without waiting period.

Disadvantage: Program duration in this category is limited to 6 months **without the possibility of extension.**

☐ **J-1 Research Scholar–** This category is appropriate for visiting scholars with a minimum of a bachelor’s degree and appropriate experience in the field in which research is to be conducted. This category is appropriate for conducting research, observing or consulting in connection with a research project. The research scholar may also teach or lecture within the same field, if the department appointment permits.

☐ **J-1 Professor** – This category is appropriate for visiting scholars for the purpose of teaching, lecturing, observing or consulting. A professor may also conduct research unless the sponsor does not allow it.

Important Note: A J-1 Research Scholar/Professor who has completed a previous J status (including J-2 status) in the past might be affected by the 12- or 24-month bar. Please consult with the Office of International Affairs.

Advantage: The Research Scholar/Professor may stay in the J-1 program for up to 5 years, which allows sufficient time for a full postdoctoral appointment or other long-term, temporary research or teaching appointments.

Disadvantage: Once the research scholar/professor completes his or her program at any point up to 5 years, there is a **24-month bar** that will prevent the scholar from using **this category** again for 24 months. In addition, if the scholar has been in any other J category for 6 months or more (for example, short-term scholar or specialist), he or she cannot use the Research Scholar/Professor category until **12 months have passed** since last using the J-1 status.