Bryant University Office of International Affairs Request to Issue Form DS-2019 for a J-1 Exchange Visitor – Step 3

Department:	Date:			_		
Contact Person:	Email:	_ Email:			_ Phone:	
Purpose of this request (check all that apply):	New J-1 📋 J-1 Extension	📋 J-1 Transfe	r			
<u>New or Transfer</u> ?- If the scholar is currently in his/her home country,					-	
submit a J-1 request indicating "J-1 Transfer." The components of the additional information. If the visitor is already in the US in a visa stat	•		-			
current visa status. The Office of International Affairs can assist the s			mentation o	T the prospective s		
Information about the Visiting Scholar						
Visitor's name						
(as it will appear in his/her passport) family/last	first/given	middle	suffix			
Date of birth Place of birth	/////		_ Male	Female		
mm/dd/yyyy	city cou	intry				
Country of citizenship	Country of legal permanent	residence			_	
Position title in <u>home</u> country		Numbe	r of years	held		
Please check appropriate category for position in	home country: Professor	Researcher	Other _			
Highest Degree Received: Date	Degree Received:	Field of Sp	ecializati	on:		
Visiting Scholar phone# :	Email	:				
Will there be any offsite activity? No Yes		d provide the ad	ldress:			
Dates of intended visit (month/day/year): F	rom To					
Address where DS-2019 should be sent:						
	reet	City		Country	zip code	

MEANS OF SUPPORT WHILE IN THE U.S. (IN U.S. DOLLARS):

The amount must be furnished even when it is not provided by Bryant University sources, since it is the sole basis for determining whether or not the support will be adequate to maintain a minimum decent standard of living for the visitor and his/her dependents. The funding information provided here will appear on a visa certificate and will be a determining factor in whether a visa is actually issued by a U.S. Embassy or Consulate official. It is therefore important this information be accurate. If the individual will be supported predominantly by personal funds, the Office of International Affairs may require a bank statement or other documentation confirming the availability of these funds. All amounts from all sources must be furnished in U.S. dollars.

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Financial Support Guidelines:

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.

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

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: _____ Date: _____
 - 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.

<u>Important Limitations to the Use of the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor Category:</u> 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 <u>any</u> 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.

<u>24-month bar</u>: 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.

<u>J-1 Professor</u> – 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.

<u>Advantage</u>: 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.

<u>Disadvantage</u>: 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.