

Scholar Responsibilities to Maintain J Exchange Visitor Status:

- Complete the OIE check-in process within 30 days of the start date listed on the DS-2019 which ensures the SEVIS record can be validated by OIE
- Engage only in activities described on the form DS-2019 and permitted for the J Exchange Visitor category
- Establish work schedule, performance expectations, and communication protocol with the faculty host and maintain clarity of expectations throughout the J-1 program- Notify the OIE of any issues that arise
- Maintain required health insurance coverage, including J-2 dependents, for the duration of the J-1 program as listed on the form DS-2019
- Inform the OIE of any changes in living address within 10 days of moving
- Inform the OIE of program changes, status changes, transfer, and extensions which ensure timely SEVIS notifications and may include obtaining an amended DS-2019
- Ensure any employment with the J sponsor or outside entity is authorized by OIE

Travel During the DS-2019 Program Dates:

While a significant aspect of the J Exchange Visitor Program purpose is to facilitate cultural and educational exchange, all activities during the J program period, including domestic and international travel must:

- Be directly related to the J program objectives described on the form DS-2019
- Must be communicated to the faculty host and HR administrator in compliance with 22 C.F.R. § 62.10(e)(2) to monitor the welfare and progress of the Exchange Visitor
- Domestic travel does not require a specific authorization from the OIE
- International Travel requires a specific authorization on the form DS-2019 that can be obtained by submitting a travel authorization e-form request in iStart

Travel Out of the Country for a Substantial Period during the Program Dates:

A professor or research scholar's travel abroad for *substantial periods of time* during the J program period presents practical challenges. **Georgia Tech often considers temporary travel as less than 30 days although we determine when a period of travel abroad is “substantial” based on a review of the travel signature request in iStart.** When we determine the period of travel outside of the U.S. is a continuation of the J program objectives, we update SEVIS with an “Out of Country” authorization including the Site of Activity abroad for the authorized period.

When we identify that the continuity of the J program period is broken, the SEVIS record is ended and the Exchange Visitor and any J-2 dependents become subject to the 24-month bar on repeat participation. Completion of program activity is just that: If the exchange visitor is no longer actively participating in the Exchange Visitor Program as a Professor or Research Scholar participant then their program is completed.

24 Month Repeat Participation Bar for Research Scholars & Professors:

The 24-month bar on repeat participation does not require the individual to reside in his or her home country like the 212(e) 2-year home residence requirement does. It also doesn't require, the person to reside outside of the United States. It only limits the person from holding a new J Professor or Research Scholar status for 24 months. After the 24 months, the individual becomes eligible for another 5-year period of program eligibility in J Professor or Research Scholar status.

Travel During the 30 day Grace Period (after DS-2019 program ends):

Exchange Visitors are permitted (even encouraged) to use the 30 day grace period for travel within the U.S. Once an Exchange Visitor travels outside of the U.S. after the end date of the J Program they will not be permitted re-entry as a J Exchange Visitor and must present another visa authorizing travel into the U.S.

**FACULTY HOST ATTESTATION TO RECOMMEND OUT OF COUNTRY
AUTHORIZATION:**

As required by the U.S. Department of State, I attest:

- I am the exchange visitor's faculty host,
- The exchange visitor has been making satisfactory progress on their J program objectives, and
- The reasons for keeping their J SEVIS record active during their travel abroad are programmatic as described in detail below.
- I understand the scholar must continue to maintain continuity of their J program activities, maintain health insurance coverage, and communicate any changes to the faculty host and HR administrator.

Describe the programmatic reasons the J program must remain active during the period outside of the U.S.:

Describe the method(s) to maintain continued contact with and monitor the continued progress of the J Exchange Visitor's research objectives during the period abroad:

Prospective J Exchange Visitor's Full Name: _____

Faculty Host Name: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____