

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

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J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR (SCHOLAR/SPECIALIST) POINTS TO CONSIDER AT-A-GLANCE

	J-1 Professor	J-1 Research Scholar	J-1 Short-Term Scholar	J-1 Specialist
Definition	An individual primarily teaching or lecturing, observing, or consulting at UConn.	An individual primarily conducting research, observing, or consulting in connection with a research project at UConn.	An individual coming to the U.S. on a short-term visit in the same capacity of J-1 Professor/Research Scholar.	An individual who is an expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill coming to the U.S. for observing, consulting, or demonstrating special skills at UConn.
Eligibility	An individual who holds at least a Bachelor's degree with appropriate experience in the field of in which research/teaching is to be conducted.			An individual who is an expert with specialized knowledge or skill in the field of Exchange Visitor program.
Associated fees	SEVIS fee of \$180 must be paid to the U.S. government. Anyone may pay this fee.			
Minimum length of program	3 weeks		N/A	3 weeks
Maximum length of program	5 years		6 months	1 year
Repeat J exchange program participation	May not be possible for 12 months or 24 months, depending on the past J exchange program participation history		No immediate repeat participation in the same category is allowed; time between programs in the same category must be at least one academic year; may repeat in a different category without restrictions.	
How much funding needed?	See required "Expenses for J-1 Exchange Visitors" on page 2 (will be updated every fiscal year).			
Employment in the U.S.	Permitted to work only as described on the Form DS-2019.			
Nature of position	Must be no tenure or tenure-track position.			Must be a temporary or short-term position.
Occasional lecture/consultation	May participate in occasional lectures and short-term consultations at the third site, if authorized by International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) before the event. Such lectures and consultations must be incidental to the J-1 holder's primary program activities. If wages or other remuneration are received by the J-1 holder for such activities, the J-1 holder must act as an independent contractor.			N/A
Eligible for a SSN?	Eligible only if on UConn payroll.			

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2-year home residency rule: 212(E)	May be subject, depending on funding sources and the field of study (Skills List).			
Extension eligibility	Extension to be granted up to the maximum allowed length of program for each category unless the J-1 holder has not applied for 212(e) waiver to their home government and/or the U.S. government.			
Travel	Time away from the exchange program restricted to 30 days.			
Out-of-Country Authorization	An extended period of time away from the U.S. may be authorized if the activities abroad are related to the J-1 holder's academic activities at UConn; or if an absence is an authorized leave by the sponsoring department per HR and Payroll policies.		N/A	
Medical Insurance	<p>All exchange visitors and their accompanying family members are required to have adequate medical insurance coverage set by 22 C.F.R. § 62.14:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> UConn student health insurance plan meets all regulatory coverage requirements <i>UConn student health insurance can be purchased by anyone who are in J-1 scholar and specialist categories.</i> UConn employee health insurance plan does NOT meet all regulatory coverage requirements. <i>UConn employee health insurance plan holders must purchase supplemental coverage.</i> 			
Separation/Departure Notice	The J-1 holder must submit a Departure Notice to ISSS before s/he leaves UConn or the U.S. If s/he is on UConn payroll, the department must submit a copy of separation notice to ISSS as well.			

EXPENSES FOR J EXCHANGE VISITORS

FY 2012-2013

J-1 Principal Only	J-1 Principal and J-2 Spouse	Each Additional Child
\$1,910 /month	\$2,230 /month	\$850 /month

*These figures are estimate and subject to change at any time without notice.