

SPONSORING FACULTY ATTESTATION

Remote Work – J-1 Visa holder (per U.S. Department of State Guidance)

I, _____, certify that I have read and agree to comply with the remote policies as specified in the U.S. Department of State Guidance Directive 2023-01, detailed below. I understand that the exchange visitor I am sponsoring may participate remotely no more than 40% of his/her program. I further understand that his/her program will be terminated if he/she willfully fails to maintain the said remote policy. I agree to notify the International Office if the Exchange Visitor willfully violates this directive.

U.S. Department of State Guidance Directive 2023-01 for J-1 Visa Holders

This Guidance Directive addresses the types of exchange visitor programming permitted to satisfy the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) requirements under 22 CFR Part 62. Effective July 1, 2023, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is ending its policy that permitted temporary modifications of exchange visitor programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All ECA exchange programs are expected to comply with category regulations of 22 CFR Part 62, which states, “The purpose of the [Exchange Visitor] Program is to provide foreign nationals with opportunities to participate in educational and cultural programs in the United States...”

Beginning July 1, 2023, exchange visitors in the following categories may participate remotely no more than 40% of their program (e.g., two out of five days per week) when their host organizations have instituted partial remote policies and their sponsor has approved their hybrid program participation: College and University Students participating in Academic Training or the **Student Intern subcategory, Interns, **Professors, Research Scholars, Short-term Scholars, Specialists, and Trainees. This applies to the J-1 Research Scholar category, which includes Postdoctoral Fellows.****

College and university students and au pairs may engage in a maximum of one online course per semester. Further, college and university students may take in-person classes with virtual components.

Please note exchange visitors in active status on or before June 30, 2023, may continue hybrid programs up to December 31, 2023. New exchange visitors with a program begin date on July 1, 2023, or thereafter are expected to adhere to this Guidance Directive.

Signature of Sponsoring Faculty (PI) and Date

**Read, Sign and Return with Request for DS-2019 Issuance Form To:
Department of Human Resources
International Office
263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut 06030-4035**