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Overview of the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus J-1 Exchange Visitor Program (Revised 12/19/2022)

University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus is an official program sponsor for the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program as authorized by the U.S. Department of State. The broad purpose of the J-1 program is to promote international educational and cultural exchange, in order to develop mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

Eligible Positions

Under the Department of State's authorization, University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus is permitted to offer prospective Exchange Visitors opportunities for study and research. The University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus J-1 program is appropriate for the following non-student positions:

- Visiting researchers and professors at all levels
- Postdoctoral fellows
- Physicians offered a position listed above who are **NOT** involved in any direct patient care and do not have any form of contact with patients. A letter of offer or letter of invitation signed by the faculty sponsor, the department chair, and the prospective J-1 scholar attesting there will be no direct patient care or patient contact is required. A specific research program must be described in the letter of offer or invitation.

Tenured Positions: J-1 Exchange Visitors **may not** hold tenured or tenure-eligible faculty positions.

The Department of State allows University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus to issue Forms DS-2019s, Certificates of Eligibility, for the following J-1 Exchange Visitor Categories.

- Professor
- Research Scholar
- Short Term Scholar
- Specialist
- Student Intern

Overview of J-1 Regulations

University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus undertakes substantial responsibility and liability as an official sponsor of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program as authorized by the U.S. Department of State. Faculty sponsors/supervisors also assume considerable responsibility and liability when inviting a foreign scholar to participate in a University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus academic or research program.

For your reference, we have summarized the main points to keep in mind when issuing a program invitation to a J-1 Exchange Visitor. A complete copy of the federal regulations governing the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz's J-1 Program is available on request from International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS).

Failure to comply jeopardizes the university's ability to sponsor the J-1 Program and could result in revocation of J-1 status for the participant and the loss of University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus' J-1 program designation rights.

Insurance Requirement

All J-1 Exchange Visitors and J-2 dependents must be covered by health, repatriation of remains, and medical evacuation insurance in amounts specified by the US Department of State. Failure to comply with this requirement can lead to termination of the Exchange Visitor's J-1 status.

Persons employed by the University in an eligible job class may be enrolled in health insurance through the CU benefits program. J-1 Exchange Visitors who are not sponsored by the University may be covered by the programs of the affiliated agency (i.e., NJH or DHHA) or may present evidence of insurance coverage either from their home country or purchased from a private carrier in the United States. ISSS provides information about the insurance requirements as well as contact information for U.S. insurance providers [here](#).

Insurance must provide the following minimum coverage:

- a) \$100,000 of coverage per accident or illness; maximum of \$500 deductible; may include co-insurance provision where person pays 25%.
- b) Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000.
- c) Emergency evacuation to home country in the amount of \$50,000.

See the [J-1 Health Insurance Policy Requirements](#) for a full explanation.

English Language Requirement

The J-1 Exchange Visitor must possess sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, to successfully participate in the program and to function on a day-to-day basis. A sponsor must verify an applicant's English language proficiency through a recognized English language test, by signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school, or through a documented interview conducted by the sponsor either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option.

See the [J-1 English Language Proficiency Policy](#) for information about acceptable evidence.

Financial Support for J-1 Exchange Visitors

The Department of State mandates that all J-1 Exchange Visitors and their J-2 dependents have sufficient financial support or funds for the length of their stay. This is to ensure that Exchange Visitors do not become public charges. ISSS uses the AMC Financial Aid Office's cost for graduate programs that sets the minimum cost of living for a graduate student at approximately \$3,000 per month.

Financial Support for J-2 Dependents

ISSS requires a minimum amount of \$750.00 per month per dependent.

No Direct Patient Contact

J-1 Exchange Visitors in the categories listed above may not have any direct patient contact or any patient care responsibilities. In this context, "no direct patient care" and "no patient contact" mean that a J-1 Exchange Visitor may not touch patients or provide any patient care.

Patient Contact

University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus' J-1 Program may not be used for physicians with clinical responsibilities. Only The Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) is authorized by the U.S. Department of State to issue Forms DS-2019 for medical residents and some clinical fellows who are formally enrolled in a Graduate Medical Education program.

Additional Employment

J-1 Exchange Visitors may not accept any unauthorized employment or additional remuneration for any activity outside of the authorized J program without prior authorization from the program sponsor and International Student Scholar Services (ISSS).

Changing Program Terms

J-1 Exchange Visitors may not change any aspect of their program terms without **advance approval** from the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus' International Student Scholar Services (ISSS), i.e., academic objective; effective dates; faculty supervisor; amount and/or source of funding; work location; or insurance coverage.

Faculty Agreement

Faculty sponsors/supervisors may not authorize any change for any aspect of the J-1 Exchange Visitors's program, either verbally or in writing. The J-1 Exchange Visitor and University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus faculty sponsor are responsible for understanding and complying with the terms of the program. Representations or statements made by the faculty sponsor do not change the terms of the J-1 program, or relieve the Exchange Visitors of their obligations under the terms of the program.

Two-Year Home Country Physical Present Requirement [212(e)]

Some J-1 Exchange Visitors are subject to the two-year home residency requirement and may not be eligible to apply for a change of visa status without first complying with the

requirement to return to their home country for a period of two years, or by obtaining an official waiver of this requirement from the Department of State.

24-month bar for Research Scholar/Professor

If the scholar has held J-1 status (including J student, research scholar, professor, etc.) in the U.S. during the preceding 12 months, he/she is only eligible for J-1 research scholar or professor status if transferring from another J-1 program.

J-2 Employment Authorization

J-2 dependents may apply for [employment authorization](#) from the USCIS.

Transfer In or Out of University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus

Once in the U.S., J-1 Exchange Visitors may transfer to other U.S. institutions with the approval of the original sponsoring institution. However, both sponsoring institutions must confirm that the academic program objective is substantially the same.

Additional questions regarding J-1 processing or participant's visa status, including questions about program objectives, changes in program objectives, appropriate sources of funding, authorized length of stay, J-1 two-year home residency requirement, and health and life insurance coverage should be directed to [International Student & Scholar Services](#).