



# J-1 Scholar Biographical Information Form

## SECTION A: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Family Name (Last)

Given Name (First)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

City and Country of Birth

Country of Legal Permanent Residence

Country of Citizenship

Permanent Address

Email Address

Last Position held in Home County (e.g. graduate student, teaching staff)

Name of Institution/Organization where Last Position in Home Country

## SECTION B: US VISA HISTORY

If you are currently in the U.S., please indicate your visa status (use N/A if not applicable)

If currently in the U.S., will you leave the country before your UC Merced J-1 Program?  Yes  No

Within the last 24 months, have you been in the U.S. in J-1 or J-2 status?  Yes (please submit copies of your DS-2019s)  No

If you have previously been in the U.S. in J-1 or J-2 status, have you ever applied for a waiver of the 212(e) Two-Year Home Residency Requirement?  Yes  No



### SECTION C: UC Merced Program Information

Position Title

Faculty Supervisor

Subject area or field of research or teaching at UC

**If your UC Merced J-1 program is for 6 months or less, please read the following section and select which category you would prefer. If you are unsure of the possibility of extending beyond 6 months, please consult with your host faculty supervisor**

**24-Month bar on repeat participation.** Applies to any J-1 exchange visitor in the Research Scholar or Professor categories. Being subject to the 24-month bar means that you would not be able to begin a new J-1 program in the research scholar or professor categories for 24 months from the end of your previous program. It does NOT mean that you cannot return to the U.S. on another type of visa.

**Short-Term Scholar Category** has a maximum duration of 6 months. It is not possible to extend a J-1 program in the short-term scholar category beyond the 6-month maximum. This category is NOT subject to the 24-month bar

**Research Scholar or Professor** category allows for the J-1 program to be extended up to the maximum program duration of 5 years. The 24-month bar DOES apply to anyone in the Research Scholar or Professor categories

Category Selection  Research Scholar; 24-month bar applies, 5 year maximum

Short-Term Scholar; 6 month maximum, No 24-month bar

**Work Modality:** J-1 scholar programs are required to be AT LEAST 60% in-person/on-campus. Exchange visitors are permitted to work remotely up to 40% (2/5 days) time. OIA must be notified of any offsite

### SECTION D: FINANCIAL SUPPORT INFORMATION

*Per month funding minimums: \$2000 for primary J-1 exchange visitor; \$500 for a J-2 dependent spouse; \$300 for each dependent child*

Please list all funding sources and the total amount of funding provided

UC Merced Total Funding Amount

Home Government Source

Amount:

US Government Source

Amount:

Other Source

Amount:

Personal funding Source

Amount:



### **SECTION E: HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT**

The United States Department of State requires that anyone in J status (J-1 or J-2) must obtain adequate health insurance. For detailed information about these requirements, please visit:

<https://iss.ucmerced.edu/professors-researchers/j-1/health-insurance>

- I have read the requirements and agree to maintain adequate health insurance for length of my exchange visitor program at UC Merced for myself and any J-2 dependents.

### **SECTION F: UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS**

*For those that have not yet obtained a bachelors degree or equivalent*

By submitting this form, you are confirming that you are in good academic standing at your home institution and that the full-time prescribed course of study or research planned at UC Merced will count towards the fulfillment of your degree requirements at your home institution

- I confirm that my current academic status and planned activities at UC Merced meet the above criteria

### **SECTION G: FORM SUBMISSION & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

By submitting this form, you are confirming that all information submitted in form responses and supporting documents, is true and correct.

If you would like to request a DS-2019 for a dependent spouse or child, please complete the dependent information form

Please submit the following documents with this form and any other documents requested by your host school:

- Copy of current passport biographical page
- Current Curriculum Vitae (CV) highest degree earned and date confirmed
- Proof of funding (if not receiving full funding from UC Merced)
- Copy of all previous DS-2019s if applicable
- Last I-94 record, if applicable
- J-2 dependent biographical information page and supporting documents, if applicable

I declare all information provided in this form to be true and accurate. I certify my understanding of the policies, rules and regulations mentioned in this form. Please Sign Below:

Exchange Visitor's Signature:

Date: