

J-1 PROFESSOR AND RESEARCH SCHOLAR

Program Participation Restrictions

	2-Year Home Residency Requirement	24-Month Repeat Participation Bar	12-Month Bar
Applies to:	All J-1 scholars who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Are on the Skills List for their country * 2) Receive government funds (home country or U.S.) 3) Receive medical education in U.S. 	All who have been in J-1 status as a Research Scholar/Professor on or after November 18, 2006.	Any person who has been in J-1 status (including J-1 Student, J-2 Dependent, Physician, Specialist, Trainee, Au Pair, Summer Work Study, Camp Counselor) during the 12-month period immediately preceding the start of a J-1 program as Research Scholar/Professor. Does not apply to J-1 Short-Term Scholar.
Effect:	Must reside and be physically present in their home country for two years before: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Eligible for immigrant visa or permanent residence 2) Eligible for an H or L visa 3) Eligible to change status within the U.S. to another nonimmigrant status (except A or G) 	J-1 Research Scholars / Professors are not eligible for repeat participation as a Research Scholar/Professor for a period of 24 months after their J-1 program is completed in SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System of the Department of Homeland Security).	Before becoming a J-1 Research Scholar/Professor must not have been physically present in the U.S. in J status for all or part of the 12-month period immediately preceding the start date of the new J-1 program except if transferring J-1 program from another U.S. institution. Does not apply to J-1 Short-Term Scholar.
Is a waiver possible	Yes	No	No
Must return to the home country to fulfill the requirement?	Yes	No	No

* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/exchange/waiver-of-the-exchange-visitor/exchange-visitor-skills-list.html>

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