

Responsibilities of Scholars in J-1 Status:

Report Address, Telephone or E-mail Address Changes to the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS): This may be done by email ichizhov@gmu.edu

Scholars should also report a change of e-mail address for their J-2 spouse.

Report Changes in Program to OIPS: Scholars must notify OIPS whenever there is a change in the academic program or program dates.

Report Departure Date and Reason to OIPS: Scholars are required to inform OIPS if they plan to leave the program before the expiration date of the Form DS-2019.

Report J-2 Dependent's Departure Date to OIPS: Scholars are required to notify OIPS if their J-2 dependents return home & do not plan to come back to the U.S. before the expiration of the Form DS-2019

Maintain Adequate Health Insurance: Scholars must maintain adequate health insurance for themselves and any dependents in J-2 status throughout their stay in the U.S. This insurance must meet the requirements set by the Department of State as listed in Health Insurance Agreement.

Apply for an Extension Prior to the DS-2019 Expiration: Scholars must apply for an extension before the Form DS-2019 Form expires if they intend to remain at George Mason University **OR** depart the U.S. within 30- Day Grace Period.

Abide by Employment Regulations: Scholars may conduct research or teach only at GMU unless authorized ahead of time by OIPS to give an occasional lecture or a short-term consultation outside of GMU. Scholars must contact OIPS if invited to speak or consult at another institution prior to starting any work.

Understand the 24-Months Bar on New and Repeat Participation in the J-1 Professor and Research Scholar Categories: Scholars in the Research Scholar or Professor categories are subject to a 24-months bar on repeat participation in these categories. If scholars plan to come back to the U.S. in J-1 status in the future, they should discuss their plans with OIPS.

Understand the Two Year Home Residency Requirement: Scholars who have been marked subject to 212(e), the two year home residency requirement, are not eligible for a change of status inside the U.S. or apply for the H visa, the L visa or Permanent Residency until they have spent two years in their home country following the completion of their J program or have received a waiver of this requirement from the U.S. Department of State/U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. Scholars should consult with OIPS prior to applying for a waiver to discuss the implications on their status.

Obtain Travel Signature Prior before International Trips: Travel signatures are valid for one year or until the expiration date of the Form DS-2019, whichever is earlier.

I have read and understood my responsibilities as a J-1 Scholar at George Mason University. I also give my permission to J Advisor to access my I-94 arrival record at www.cpb.gov/i94, if necessary.

(Signature)

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