

Overview of the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus J-1 Exchange Visitor Program

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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.

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:

- Visiting researchers and professors
- Basic scientists of all academic ranks
- Post-doctoral fellows performing a specified research program
- Physicians who are **NOT** involved in any direct patient care and **do not** have any form of contact with patients. An official agreement signed by the faculty sponsor, the department chair, and the prospective J-1 scholar attests that **there will be no direct patient care or patient contact. A specified research program objective must be detailed in the letter of agreement.**

The Department of State allows University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus to issue DS-2019s for the following J Exchange Visitor categories:

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

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 J-1 program invitation to a visiting scholar. 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.

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- **Insurance Requirement.** All J-1 participants and dependents must be covered by health, repatriation of remains, and emergency 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. Visiting scholars who are not sponsored by the University may be covered by the programs of the affiliated agency (i.e., VAMC, NJC, DHHA) or may present evidence of insurance coverage either from their home country or purchased from a private carrier in the United States. ISSS would be happy to provide you with additional information regarding these insurance requirements as well as contact information for U.S. insurance providers.

Insurance must provide the following minimum coverage:

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

For a full explanation of the policy for J-1 Health Insurance, [see our policy HERE.](#)

- **English Language Requirement:** The exchange visitor possesses sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her 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.

ISSS has provided additional specific requirements and guidance on this. Please see the additional document on our website entitled "J-1 Overview of English Language Proficiency Policy."

- **Financial Support Determination for J-1.** The Department of State mandates that all incoming J-1 scholars and their J-2 dependents will have sufficient financial support or funds for the length of their stay. This is to ensure that our exchange visitors do not become public charges. ISSS uses the AMC Financial Aid Office's cost and the Financing site under the "graduate school" section that sets the minimum cost of living for a graduate student at \$2,500 per month.
- **Financial Support for J-2:** ISSS determined the \$600.00 minimum amount per month per dependent.
- **No Direct Patient Contact:** J-1 participants 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 participant 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. There is only one official agency authorized to issue J-1 invitations to physicians with clinical

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responsibilities who are formally enrolled in a Graduate Medical Education program: The Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

- **Additional Employment:** J-1 participants 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 participants 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 participant's program, either verbally or in writing. The J-1 participant 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 participants of their obligations under the terms of the program.
- **Tenured Positions:** J-1 participants may not hold tenured or tenure-eligible faculty positions.
- **212(e) Requirement:** Some J-1 participants 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 his/her 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 Researcher/Professor:** If the scholar has held J-1 status (including J student, researcher, professor) 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 Work Authorization:** J-2 dependents may work, but only with the prior permission and proper employment authorization from the USCIS.
- **Transfer In or Out of University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus:** Once in the U.S., J-1 participants 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.

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