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International Student & Scholar Services

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REGARDING J-1 VISA FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Prohibited Activities

The following activities are strictly prohibited under the terms and conditions of the University of Colorado Denver J-1 program. Failure to comply with any of the following terms and conditions may result in revocation of the individual's J-1 status.

- 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 any patient. Failure to comply risks the J-1 holder's status and University of Colorado Denver's authority to sponsor the J-1 program.**
- J-1 participants may not accept any outside or unauthorized employment or additional remuneration for any activity outside of the authorized J program.
- J-1 participants may not change any aspect of their program terms without advance approval from the University of Colorado Denver's International Student and Scholar Services, i.e., academic objective; effective dates; faculty supervisor; amount and/or source of funding; work location; or insurance coverage.
- 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 CU Denver 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.
- J-1 participants may not hold tenured or tenure-eligible faculty positions.
- UCD's 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 responsibilities who are formally enrolled in a Graduate Medical Education program: the Education Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).
- If the scholar has held any type of J-1 status (including J student, researcher, professor, trainee) in the U.S. during the preceding 12 months, he/she is not eligible for J-1 research scholar or professor status.

Insurance Requirements

Federal regulations require that all J-1 participants and their dependents have adequate medical/life insurance coverage which provides 1) \$100,000 of coverage per accident or illness, which may include a deductible of up to \$500 and up to a 25% co-insurance provision; 2) \$25,000 for repatriation of remains; and 3) \$50,000 for emergency evacuation back to your country. Failure to maintain insurance coverage can result in termination of your J-1 status. Below is a list of carriers from which you can purchase the required insurance. If you are an employee eligible for employee insurance, you must purchase only repatriation of remains and emergency evacuation insurance. This part of the required insurance is not available through employee health insurance plans. You will need to provide evidence of insurance coverage to the International Student and Scholar Services Office when you arrive on campus.

When your application receives final approval, we will mail you a DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status. If you have questions related to the status of your visa during your stay, please call International Student and Scholar Services at 303-315-2230 and ask to speak with an International Services Coordinator.