

Notification of Intent to Sponsor J-1 Research Scholar, Professor, Short-Term Scholar, or Specialist

Initiating Department:

Department: _____

Department Chair/Responsible Party Name: _____

College/Unit: CBA CAS CVPA COE Athletics Other _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Category Description:

Exchange Visitors (EV's) in each category below must have academic credentials and experience appropriate to the field of endeavor. Additionally, they must qualify for the position offered to them.

- **Professor:** Minimum education must be a Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent. Primarily teaching, lecturing, observing and may conduct research. Minimum stay in U.S. is 3 weeks, maximum is 5 years. Repeat participation in this category is permitted, as long as the 24-Month Bar Rule has been observed.
- **Research Scholar:** Minimum education must be a Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent. Primarily conducting research, observing and may also teach or lecture. Minimum stay in U.S. is 3 weeks, maximum is 5 years. Repeat participation in this category is permitted, as long as the 24-Month Bar Rule has been observed.
- **Short-term Scholar** – Minimum education must be a Bachelor's degree or the international equivalent. Primarily coming for short-term visit for lecturing and training. Minimum stay in U.S. is 3 weeks, maximum is stay in U.S. is 6 months. Repeat participation in this category is permitted, as long as each new program of participation is different in focus and/or breadth from the previous one. The 24-Month Bar does not apply.
- **Specialist** – Individual must be an expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill; seek to travel to the U.S. for the purpose of observing, consulting, or demonstrating his or her special knowledge or skills; and does not fill a permanent or long-term position of employment while in the U.S. Minimum stay in U.S. is 3 weeks, maximum is 1 year. Regulations permit individuals who have previously participated in any EV program to begin a new program in the Specialist category without delay.

This form serves as verification that Winthrop University intends to sponsor an Exchange Visitor or one of the following J-1 categories:

(Please check one): Research Scholar Professor Short-Term Scholar Specialist

Please note: Individuals who have been in the U.S. for more than six months in the previous year (12 months) in any J visa status are not eligible to enter the U.S. as a J-1 Research Scholar or Professor for a 12-month period because of the 12-month bar. Time spent in the J-1 Short-term Scholar category does not count towards the 12-month bar. The 12-month bar applies to both J-1 and J-2 dependents.

Please note: Any individual who participates in an EV program in the Professor or Research Scholar categories is subject to a 24-month bar on "repeat participation" in those categories. Scholars subject to the bar may not return to the U.S. as a J-1 scholar in the Professor or Research Scholar categories for the 24-month period. This bar also applies to J-2 dependents.

Department Chair/Sponsoring Authority Signature: _____ Date: _____

English Proficiency: To invite a J-1 Exchange Visitor (EV) to Winthrop, the responsible department must verify that the prospective EV possesses sufficient proficiency in the English language to successfully participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis. This can be done through a recognized English language test, signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school, or a phone or videoconferencing interview. Documentation on how the English language proficiency determination was made must be returned to the International Center to be part of the EV's file before a DS-2019 can be issued.

By signing, you agree to make a determination of the English proficiency of the J-1 Exchange Visitor: _____

To be completed by the Department Chair/Responsible Department:

Exchange Visitor's (EV) Last Name:	EV's First Name:	EV's Employer/University in Home Country:	EV's Current/Most Recent Employment/Position held in Home Country:
Specific Dates of Program: Begins on: _____ Ends on: _____		Might the appointment be extended beyond the original end date? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Expected Maximum Duration of Appointment? Is this a paid appointment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Sponsoring Department:	Name of Faculty/Staff Supervisor:	Supervisor's Email/Phone:	EV's Primary Place of Work at Winthrop: Department _____ Building _____ Room # _____
Has this Exchange Visitor ever held J-1/J-1 status in the past? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>*If yes, please include most recent copy of Exchange Visitors DS-2019.</i>	Subject Area of Specialization during Appointment:	Description of Exchange Visitors main duties during Appointment:	

Source of Funding: DOS regulations require J-1 Exchange Visitors (EV) to prove to U.S. Consular Officials that sufficient funds are available to the applicant to cover expenses while in the U.S. Please list below the source(s) and amount of financial support (in U.S. dollars) available to the J-1 EV while in the U.S. A minimum of \$1,400 per month is required.

Funding from Winthrop University.....Amount \$ _____

Funding from one or more U.S. Government Agencies.....Amount \$ _____

Name of Agency(ies) _____

Other Sources (specify) _____ Amount \$ _____

Personal Funds.....Amount \$ _____

Total FundingAmount \$ _____

Certification of Department Chair, College Dean, Executive VP for Academic Affairs/Office of the President, and International Center:

By signing below, I support the request to invite the Exchange Visitor listed above to join Winthrop as a J-1 Research Scholar, Professor, Short-Term Scholar or Specialist.

J-1 Scholar Initiator

Signature

Date

Department Chair

Signature

Date

College Dean

Signature

Date

Exec. VP for Acad. Affairs/Office of Pres.

Signature

Date

International Center

Signature

Date

After form is complete and all signatures are obtained, please return to the International Center c/o Lindsey Hill located in 218 Dinkins Hall.