

Information for Visiting Scholars

Things to know:

- ◆ A J-1 visiting scholar cannot work on-campus or off-campus. The spouse of a J-1 visiting scholar (J-2) may work off-campus with the appropriate sponsor's authorization.
- ◆ All J-1 visa holders must have full coverage health insurance while in the U.S.
- ◆ A J-1 visa is renewable for up to five years.
- ◆ A J-1 visiting scholar should follow the research or study plan originally submitted to WOU.
- ◆ If a J-1 visiting scholar is financially supported by government funds for research, s/he is subject to the *two years Home Country Residency* requirement after the program is completed.

Once you receive a visa from the U.S. Embassy:

- ◆ Inform the International Students and Scholars office at Western Oregon University by: Phone: 503-838-8424, Fax: 503-838-8338, or E-mail: global@wou.edu and yangn@wou.edu. Please include information about your flight schedule to Portland International Airport (PDX), in Portland Oregon.
- ◆ Make sure that your travel documents (Passport which is valid for at least 6 more months, DS-2019, I-94 card, and any invitation/acceptance/financial letters) are in your carry-on luggage so they are available to present to the immigration officers at the port of entry.

Once you arrive at Portland International Airport:

- ◆ Go through the Customs and Border Protection. Present your documents to the immigration officers and make sure that every document is returned to you by the officer after inspection.
- ◆ Go to the baggage claim area to collect your luggage.
 - Take the Hut (Portland Airport Shuttle) to Salem. The phone number for Hut is: 503-363-8059, the Fax number is: 503-371-9450.
 - **Or** a representative from WOU can pick you up from the airport if previous arrangements have been made. This service costs about \$300 and includes airport pick up and drop off for group trips or when the program is completed.

Once you arrive in Monmouth:

- ◆ Report to the International Students and Scholars (ISSA) office at Western Oregon University before the program start date.
- ◆ Bring your passport, I-94 card, and DS-2019 form to the office to make copies.
- ◆ Attend the new students/scholars' orientation.
- ◆ Meet with your department faculty mentor.
- ◆ Inform the ISSA office any address change.
- ◆ If the visiting scholar would like to travel within the U.S. or abroad, s/he needs to inform the ISSA office before leaving campus.

Thank you and we look forward to your arrival! Contact (503)838-8425 or global@wou.edu with questions.