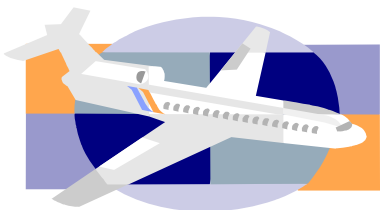


Booking your flight

When making travel arrangements, please note that you may not enter the United States more than 30 days before the program start date. You will have an additional 30 days past your program end date to prepare to depart the United States.

You must notify our office with your travel arrangements before attending our university. Travel arrangements include flight number, airline, date and exact time of arrival.

If you need to change the date of arrival or departure on your DS-2019, contact the ISSA office immediately.



You may be asked to pay a minimal fee for airport pick up and drop off. Additionally, at the end of your Visiting Scholar program, you will be asked to write a follow up report of your activities and research at Western Oregon University.



The Department of State

The Department of State is responsible for the Exchange Visitor Program. More general information can be obtained by contacting:

Web: <http://exchanges.state.gov/jexchanges/index.html>

Email: Jvisas@state.gov

Tel: 202-401-9810

Fax: 202-401-9809

If you have any questions about the regulations or any aspect of your exchange program, contact the International Students & Scholars Affairs (ISSA) office or the responsible officer in Block 7 of your DS-2019.

Phone: 503-838-8425

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Visiting Scholars at WOU

Welcome!

Western Oregon University welcomes you to the United States and is pleased to receive you as an exchange visitor! The Exchange Visitor Program and participants are referred to as "Visiting Scholars" at Western.

About the Exchange Visitor Program

The Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, was made to promote understanding between the people of the United States and other countries by means of education and cultural exchange. The Exchange Visitor Program provides foreign nationals with opportunities to participate in exchange programs in the United States and then return home to share their experiences.

At Western Oregon University

The J-1 Visiting Scholar Program was started at Western to create a more diverse campus culture, and to provide international scholars an opportunity to conduct research, study, teach, observe, share their skills, and participate in cross-cultural activities while in the US. Research Scholars and Professors have an opportunity to interact in cross-cultural activities with Western's students, faculty, staff and community.

Rules and Regulations

*The regulations J status holders must follow can be found at: **22 CFR, Part 62***

It is important that you understand and follow the regulations placed by the Department of State on Exchange Visitors. Ultimately YOU are responsible for your J status while in America. Contact the International Students & Scholars Affairs (ISSA) office with any questions.

Visiting Scholars and their dependents must:

- Perform research and engage only in activities permitted as an exchange visitor in that category. Research must be related to the subject/field listed on their DS-2019 and related to their original plan.
- First receive approval for employment and lecture opportunities from the department head and a Responsible Officer.
- Update their address with the ISSA office within 10 days of changing addresses.
- Have insurance during the entire duration of their program. This is automatically added to Visiting Scholar's account throughout the term.
- Notify the ISSA Office if they plan to travel outside the US, transfer programs or apply for an extension.
- Maintain a valid DS-2019, Passport, and I-94 card while in America.
- Check their WOU email regularly for updates.

Two Year Ban for Professors and Research Scholars

Visiting Scholars in these two categories may stay in the US to complete their research for a maximum of 5 years. However, all exchange visitors in the Professor and Research Scholar category are subject to a 2 year bar from returning to the U.S. in the Professor or Research Scholar category again.

Two-Year Home Country Physical Residence [212(E)]

Some exchange visitor program participants and family members who were admitted to the US, or who adjusted their visa status to J after admission, must return home for a minimum of two years after completing their education or cultural exchange program before they can change or adjust their status to H, L, K, or immigrant lawful permanent resident. This requirement applies to those whose:

1. Exchange program was financed to some extent by the US government or their home country government
 2. Skills appear on the Exchange Visitor Skills List as identified by their home country's government.
- Information about waivers for the [212(E)] rule can be found at <http://www.travel.state.gov/> under the VISA tab.