

J-1 Exchange Visitor Information

A. WHAT IS A J-1 VISA?

Towson University has been approved by the U. S. Department of State as an Exchange Visitor Program sponsor. The J Exchange Visitor Program promotes interchange in the fields of education, arts and sciences, and enables foreign nationals to visit the U.S. to teach, study, observe, conduct research, train, consult, and demonstrate

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Permanent positions may already be in the United States with J-1 status. The International Student Services Office (ISSO) must determine their eligibility for a transfer to Towson University or H-1B status.

The Exchange Visitor Program is available from the State Department and U.S. Department of State websites at:

C. WHO MAY BE INVITED?

WHO	PRIMARY FUNCTION		ACADEMIC OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS
Professors	Teaching, lecturing, observing, consulting, conducting research	3 weeks (minimum) to 3 years	Master's degree**
Research Scholars	Conducting research, observing, consulting on specific research projects	3 weeks (minimum) to 3 years	Master's degree**
Short-term Scholars May be a professor, research scholar or specialist (an expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill).	Observing, consulting or demonstrating special skills, or to promote mutual enrichment and further exchanges	1 day to a maximum of 6 months.	Master's degree**

<u>Who</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Academic Requirements</u>	
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Students	<u>Sponsorship</u> : Must be sponsored (i.e., source of financial support is		
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D. WHAT ARE THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS?

1. **Exchange visitors** may be funded by:

- Towson University
- Their own university or institution
- Government funds, or
- A combination of the above.

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