Morgan State University
Center for Global Studies

Requirements for Short-term Scholars & College/University Students

Short-Term Scholars

1. Definition:

A short-term scholar is defined as: A professor, research scholar, or a person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the United State on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions, or similar type institutions. The Short-term scholar category is intended to foster collaborative research activities.

2. Duration:

The maximum duration of stay as a short-term scholar is six months.

3. Location and Activities:

A short-term scholar is permitted to participate in activities stated on his or her DS-2019 form and at the location listed on said form.

4. Limitations:

The short-term scholar category should not be used as a bridge into the research scholar category, so any request for change of category will be denied. Short-term scholars are not permitted to engage in activities that are not listed on for DS-2019. No extensions will be granted.

Student: University/College

1. Definition:

Foreign students are given the opportunity to study at American degree-granting post-secondary accredited academic institutions, or participate in a student internship program
that will fulfill the educational objectives of the student’s degree program in his or her home country.

2. Duration:

The duration for college/university students is unlimited, as long as they are enrolled in a full course of study that leads to a degree. If enrolled in a non-degree program, the duration of participation shall not exceed 24 months, including academic training. This includes time previously spent in J-1 status at another institution.

3. Location and Activities:

A college/university student is permitted to participate in activities stated on his or her DS-2019 form and at the location listed on said form.

Students may engage in part-time employment under certain conditions, including good academic standing at their host institution.

Students may participate in academic training with or without wages or other remuneration during their studies with the approval of the academic dean or adviser and the responsible officer at their sponsor organization.

4. Limitations:

Must be financed directly or indirectly by the U.S. government, the government of their home country, an international organization of which the United States is a member by treaty or statute, or supported substantially by funding from any source other than personal or family funds.

Must be carried out according to an agreement between the U.S. government and a foreign government, or according to a written agreement between American and foreign educational institutions, an American educational institution and a foreign government or a state or local government in the United States and a foreign government; or Student is participating in a student internship program that will fulfill the educational objectives for the student’s degree program in his or her home country.

If pursuing a non-degree program must be enrolled full-time in a prescribed course of study. The maximum duration of a non-degree program is 24 months inclusive of academic training.