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Subject: J-1 Student Intern Program

All individuals who are enrolled in a degree program abroad and travelling to Temple University to engage in research to complete that degree will be sponsored through the "J-1 Student Intern" category of the Exchange Visitor Program. This policy is consistent with United States Department of State (DOS) regulations and effective October 1, 2016.

The university had previously used the "Research Scholar" category of the Exchange Visitor Program. However, at a recent session with DOS, International Student and Scholar Services learned that in order to be fully compliant with DOS regulations regarding these activities, the more appropriate category is J-1 Student Intern.

What this means for inviting departments:

- The J-1 Student Intern Program will only allow for up to one year of participation; no extensions are possible.

- J-1 Student Intern appointments will continue to go through the Graduate School's Office of Postdoctoral Fellows.

- The inviting department will be required to develop and submit a training plan and evaluate the training plan at six-month intervals.
  View Training/Internship Placement Plan Form (PDF)

What this means for an Exchange Visitor:

- Because of the one-year limit, the Exchange Visitor should plan to fulfill the educational/research objectives of her/his current degree program within the time frame permitted in the J-1 Student Intern category.

- Upon issuance of the visa, the Exchange Visitor most likely will be subject to the two-year home residency requirement. This will prohibit a change of status in the U.S. and re-entering
the U.S. in H, K, L or permanent resident status until that requirement is waived or fulfilled. View more information about the residency requirement.

- The Exchange Visitor will be ineligible to return to the U.S. in J status, including as a research scholar and post-graduate, until s/he has been outside the U.S. for one year.

This policy will affect only international Exchange Visitors who are enrolled in degree programs outside of the U.S. and seeking to engage in internship/research projects at Temple that will be used to fulfill their educational degree requirements abroad.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the Graduate School's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs at 215-204-1380 or International Student and Scholar Services at 215-204-7708.

Thank you.