



Part I. Information about TAMUK Host Department

Host Department _____ Host College _____
Department Contact Name _____ Title _____
TAMUK E-mail _____@tamuk.edu Phone _____

Part II. Purpose and Category

This form is being completed for: (check all that apply)
a. [] initial DS-2019 - the Exchange Visitor (EV) is in the U.S. in another immigration category and will apply for change of status
b. [] initial DS-2019 - the EV is overseas and will be applying for a U.S. visa abroad
c. [] the EV is in J-1 status at another U.S. institution and will transfer to TAMUK
d. [] the EV is with another TAMUK department and will transfer to our department
e. [] extension of current appointment without change
f. [] facilitating entry of spouse and/or children to the U.S.
g. [] other _____
The EV category will be:
a. [] Short-term scholar (Six month maximum stay)
b. [] Professor (Five year maximum stay)
c. [] Research scholar (Five year maximum stay)
Note: Individuals having had J-1 status longer than 6 months within past 12 months are ineligible for b & c categories. Individuals having had J-1 in b or c categories within past 24 months are ineligible for a new b or c.

Part III. TAMUK Position Information

EV's Name (Surname) _____ Middle _____ (Given) _____
Title _____ Discipline _____ Appointment Dates from _____ to _____
J-1's site of activity _____
Major activity (50% or more) _____
(Describe it in broad terms so it will cover all the activities here in the U.S.)

Part IV. Funding Information

During the period of appointment, financial support for this visitor will be provided by one or more of the following (check all that apply). Funding in U.S. DOLLARS (USD), should be entered as a total, not "\$450/month." Please enter the exchange visitor's funding for the entire period of stay.

a. [] TAMUK \$ _____ USD
b. [] U.S. Government Agency(ies) \$ _____ USD
Name of Agency(ies): _____
c. [] The Exchange Visitor's Government \$ _____ USD
d. [] International Organization(s) \$ _____ USD
Name of Organization(s): _____
e. [] Other Organization(s) \$ _____ USD
Name Organization(s): _____
f. [] Personal Fund \$ _____ USD
Current minimum expense amount for one month is \$1,133 for J-1, \$431 for a J-2 dependent.
Written evidence of financial support is required, such as an offer letter, a letter from an appropriate government agency, a bank certificate, etc.
NOTE: Government funds made available for a specific research goal or to the principal research investigator, and not for the use of supporting an exchange visitor or exchange program, should be designated as funds from TAMUK.

Part V. Attestation

I understand that the J-1 exchange visitor category was developed to implement the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hayes Act) of 1961. The purpose of the Act is to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges." I attest that this prospective scholar's visit is within the J-1 program objective, and that I am not utilizing the J-1 category for employment purposes.

Host Supervisor's Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Department Chair's Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Is this position funded by TAMUK? [] Yes [] No. If yes, the following signature is required.
College Dean's Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____



Part VI. Information about the Exchange Visitor (EV)

EV's Name _____ E-mail _____ Gender Male Female
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Place of Birth (City) _____ (Country) _____
Country of Permanent Residence _____ Country of Citizenship _____
Home Country Employer _____ Position Title in Home Country _____
The Home Country Institution is Government Academic Community Private Sector, or Other _____
If government, what type Central State/Regional/Provincial City/Town
U.S. Address (if available) _____
Check here if you have previously attended TAMUK as a Scholar Visiting Professor Student
 Check here if you have previously visited the U.S. If checked, please explain in detail on the back of the form.
 Check here if you have applied for a waiver of the two year home country physical presence requirement.

Part VII. If in the U.S. Complete the Following

Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ I-94 No _____ Current Nonimmigrant Status _____
SEVIS ID No (if available) N00 _____ Expiration Date of Your Passport (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Part VIII. Family Member Information (If accompanying you to the U. S.)

Table with 6 columns: Relationship, Name (Last, First, Middle), City of Birth, Country of Birth, Date of Birth, Gender. Includes a row for Email Address for dependent(s) and a signature statement box.

Insurance Statement (Please read and sign the following statement)

I understand that, per the requirement from the U.S. Department of State, during my period of appointment at TAMUK as a J-1 Exchange Visitor, I must comply with the Department of State (DOS) regulations which require that I purchase health insurance for myself and my accompanying J-2 dependents (spouse and children), if applicable, throughout the duration of my/our visit in the U.S. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will result in termination from the Exchange Visitor Program at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Part IX. Signature

By typing my name in the space below, I confirm my application to be an Exchange Visitor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. I certify that all the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Exchange Visitor's Name _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

J Exchange Visitor English Language Proficiency Requirements

The U.S. Department of State recently revised Subpart A of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Regulations which modified the English language proficiency requirements for incoming J-1 exchange visitors effective January 5, 2015. The regulation requires universities to determine that a prospective exchange visitor possesses sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, successfully to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis.

The new provision requires universities to use one of the following objective measurements of English language proficiency to determine an applicant's language proficiency:

- A recognized English language test; or
- Signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school; or
- A documented interview conducted by the sponsor either in-person or by videoconferencing, or by telephone if videoconferencing is not a viable option

Part X. English Language Proficiency Verification

In order to be in compliance with federal regulation, the following measurement has been used to verify the English Language proficiency for the Exchange Visitor (EV), _____.

1. English Language Proficiency Test. A copy of the test report is enclosed.
2. Document signed by the home institution or the home English School, indicating completion of an ESL program or an English language school. A copy of the document is enclosed.
3. Documented interview signed by TAMUK host professor after completing interview in English in person or by videoconferencing or by telephone. A copy of the document is enclosed.
4. Document signed by English instructor at the English Language Training Center at TAMUK. A copy of the document is enclosed.
5. The EV has received a degree from an institution of higher education in an English speaking country. A copy of the document is enclosed.

Host Supervisor's Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____



DS-2019 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please note that the Office of International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) recommends that the sponsoring unit/department submit the DS-2019 request early understanding possible visa delays at an overseas U.S. consulate. For more information, please contact ISSS.

Exchange Visitor's Name: _____

- Checkboxes for document requirements: Signed and completed form ISSS-200, Receipt of processing fee, TAMUK Letter of Offer of employment, Invitation letter, Certified financial document, Previous DS-2019, Exchange Visitor's resume, Exchange visitor's passport, Health insurance proof, Relationship proof, etc.

Mailing Instruction (check only one)

ISSS will mail DS-2019 form by Express Mail (Please include Express Mail envelope and pre-printed mailer for documents only weighing 1/2 lb. or less)

ISSS will mail DS-2019 form by Campus Mail to the faculty member requesting the DS-2019 so the faculty member can mail it to the scholar

Hosting Supervisor's Name _____

Campus Address _____

ISSS will contact _____ at _____ for personal pick up

* Please send the application packet to the Office of International Student & Scholar Services, Cousin's Hall, Room 113A, MSC 176, Kingsville, TX 78363

* In certain cases, such as transfer, amendment, etc., the Office of International Student & Scholar Services may require more documentation and/or information. Please note that in case of transfers, it could take more than 10 days for processing as coordination with another J-1 sponsor is needed.