

## J-1 Exchange Visitor Categories at Hartford International University

### ***Research Scholar***

An individual primarily engaged in research, observation, or consultation in connection with a research project, who may also teach or lecture. This category:

- Is used for appointments of 21 days to 5 years in duration
- Allows for extensions up to the 5-year maximum
- Is subject to the 24-month bar on repeat participation in the J-1 Research Scholar or Professor categories
- May return to the U.S. during the 24-month bar under another J category or nonimmigrant status (e.g., F-1, B-1/B-2, H-1B, or the Visa Waiver Program)
- May be subject to the Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement
- May enroll in or audit up to one course, though the primary activity must be research
- J-1 Research Scholar Application Process

To begin the process, you will need to complete an application, which consists of two steps:

- [J-1 Research Scholar Proposal](#) – This initial step is required to establish an academic relationship between you and a faculty member who would serve as your Academic Advisor.
- J-1 Scholar Application – Once your proposal has been approved, you will be invited to complete the J-1 Scholar Application.

### ***Professor***

An individual primarily engaged in teaching, lecturing, observing, or consulting. Professors may also participate in departmental research. If research is the primary activity, the Research Scholar category should be used, regardless of the individual's home-country title. This category:

- Is used for appointments of 21 days to 5 years in duration
- Allows for extensions up to the 5-year maximum
- Is subject to the 24-month bar on repeat visits in the J Professor or Research Scholar categories
- May return to the U.S. during the 24-month bar under a different visa classification
- May be subject to the Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement
- May enroll in or audit up to one course, but the primary activity must be teaching

***Student non-Degree***

An individual engaged in a structured academic program with a specific educational objective, which may include coursework and research. This category:

- Allows participation for up to 24 months
- May be subject to the Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement
- Requires that at least 51% of the scholar's funding come from a non-personal source

***Degree-Seeking Student***

An individual admitted to the university for the purpose of completing a degree. This category:

- Allows scholars to remain in the U.S. as long as they maintain valid status and make progress toward their degree
- May be subject to the Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement
- Must contact the Office of Admissions for application and enrollment procedures

***Contact***

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