

J-1 END OF PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

All MUSC J-1 exchange visitors must notify the Center for Global Health of their intention to end the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program by submitting this form in advance and prior to departing from the United States. This form must be completed by both the exchange visitor (Part I) and the necessary officials from the sponsoring MUSC department (Part II).

PART I – COMPLETED BY EXCHANGE VISITOR

Your actual end date is the last day that you will be at MUSC participating in your J-1 program activities. This date can be no later than the end date on your current Form DS-2019. If your actual end date is more than 15 days earlier than your DS-2019 program end date, the Center for Global Health is required to provide you with an updated Form DS-2019 with the adjusted end date.

Name: _____ Non-MUSC email: _____

Program end date on current Form DS-2019: _____ Actual end date/last day at MUSC: _____

If departing from the United States, provide estimated departure date: _____

Reason for ending Exchange Visitor Program:

- Completion of program objectives
- Withdrawal from program
- Personal medical/health issues
- Family medical/health issues
- Other: _____

I have read and understand the information on page 2 concerning the end of my Exchange Visitor Program and departure from the United States.

Exchange Visitor Signature

Date

PART II – COMPLETED BY SPONSORING DEPARTMENT

If the sponsoring MUSC department has any questions or concerns related to this exchange visitor, the Center for Global Health should be contacted immediately (prior to the exchange visitor's last day).

By signing below, the sponsoring MUSC department approves of the exchange visitor's actual last day at MUSC, as stated on this form, as well as the exchange visitor's reason for ending the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program.

Faculty Supervisor Name

Signature

Date

Department Administrator Name

Signature

Date

KEY POINTS FOR DEPARTING EXCHANGE VISITORS

Grace Period

Upon completion of your J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, you and any accompanying J-2 dependents have a 30-day grace period to remain in the United States. The intention of this grace period is to allow you time to wrap up your affairs in the United States, travel within the United States (if desired), and prepare for your departure.

During this grace period, you cannot:

- Participate in J-1 program activities or be paid
- Travel outside of the United States and re-enter the United States in J-1 status

DS-2019 Forms

As the J-1 Exchange Visitor, you are responsible for keeping the originals of all current and previous DS-2019 forms. These documents should be kept *indefinitely* as part of your U.S. immigration records. You may be asked to provide these documents at a later date, if you ever apply for another visa or other immigration-related benefits from the United States.

12-Month Repeat Participation Bar

According to the 12-month repeat participation bar, you are not eligible to begin a new J program in the Research Scholar or Professor category if you were physically present in the United States in any J status (including J-2 status) for all or part of the 12-month period preceding the new program start date. Exceptions to this rule: presence in J-1 status in the Short-Term Scholar category; presence in J-1 status of less than 6 months; transferring to a new J-1 program sponsor.

24-Month Repeat Participation Bar

If you participated in the Exchange Visitor Program as in the Research Scholar or Professor category, you are subject to the 24-month repeat participation bar after completing the program. The 24-month bar prohibits the principal J-1 exchange visitor (as well as any J-2 dependents) from returning to the United States in the J-1 Research Scholar or Professor categories for 24 months from the date of completion of the prior program. The 24-month bar goes into effect once you complete your current Exchange Visitor Program, regardless of whether or not you utilized the full five years of program eligibility.

212(e) Two-Year Home Country Residency Requirement

Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act establishes the two-year home country physical presence requirement (also known as the “two-year rule” or “two-year residence requirement”). The 212(e) two-year requirement is different than the 24-month bar for repeat participation in a J Research Scholar or Professor program. If you are subject to 212(e), you must return to your home country for a total period of two years before you would be eligible for certain visa status categories (such as H-1B) or adjustment to permanent resident status. Your initial Form DS-2019 and your J-1 visa should indicate whether or not you are subject to 212(e). Visit the U.S. Department of State website for more information on the 212(e) requirement and applying for a waiver of this requirement.