





## DS-2019 Request Form Information

### NMSU:

- May invite J-1 visitors (scholars) as professors, researchers, short-term scholars, specialists, or students who have been screened for academic, professional, and English proficiency and who have sufficient financial resources to maintain themselves and any accompanying dependents. Professors and Research scholars may normally stay for up to 36 months; Short-term scholars up to 6 months; Specialists up to 1 year; students for the duration of the degree program(s).
- The minimum amount of external financial support a scholar must demonstrate is \$1000 per month, plus \$300 per month for a spouse and \$200 per month for each dependent child. **Actual cost of living may be higher than the minimums established by the university.** Financial support levels for students are set by the J-1 Responsible Office in the Office of International Programs.
- Provide an orientation program for all newly arrived scholars.
- Monitor that participants are engaged in activities described on the DS-2019 and are making reasonable progress toward accomplishment of program.
- Verify that scholars have purchase and maintain required health insurance coverage through NMSU or other policy that meets Department of State requirements.
- Provide scholar reports and information to the Department of State as requested.
- Provide cultural opportunities for scholars; must encourage visitors to voluntarily participate in activities which are for the purpose of sharing the culture, language, or history of their home country with Americans. Must make a good faith effort to achieve the fullest possible 'reciprocity' in the exchange of persons.

### Exchange Visitor

- Must report to International Programs within three days of arrival at NMSU.
- May engage in authorized employment for the proposed activity until the ending date on the DS-2019.
- Must maintain adequate health insurance for self and all dependents, including at least \$50,000 per accident or illness, repatriation of remains in the amount of \$7,000, and coverage of at least \$10,000 for a medical evacuation to the home country.
- Must request extensions, up to the maximums allowed, 30 to 60 days prior to expiration of the current authorized period of stay. A DS-2019 extension will not be issued until proof of health insurance (including dependents, if applicable) has been provided to International Programs.
- Some J-1 exchange visitors and their dependents are subject of the Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement. Visitors subject to this requirement are ineligible to change to another non-immigrant or immigrant status unless a waiver of the requirement has been approved. If approved, the J-1 visitor is no longer eligible for J-1 program extensions.
- Must report current address and phone number to the Office of International Programs.
- Must report any changes in status to the Office of International Programs.



