



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)

Exchange Visitor Eligibility

Before creating a SEVIS record and producing a Form DS-2019 for an exchange visitor in the category of either Professor or Research Scholar, it must be determined that the individual is eligible to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program as a Professor or Research Scholar. An individual may be selected for participation subject to the following conditions:

1. The exchange visitor must not be a candidate for a tenure track position (see 22 CFR 62.20 (d)(1)).

2. The exchange visitor has not been physically present in the United States as a non-immigrant pursuant to the provisions of 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J) for all or part of the 12-month period immediately before the program begin date on his or her Form DS-2019 identified in SEVIS, unless (see 22 CFR 62.20 (d)(2)):

- The exchange visitor is transferring to the sponsor's program pursuant to the provisions set forth in 22 CFR 62.42, Transfer of Program

OR

- The exchange visitor's presence in the United States was less than 6 months in length

OR

- The exchange visitor's presence in the United States was pursuant to a short-term scholar exchange activity as authorized by 22 CFR 62.21, Short-term Scholars.

3. The exchange visitor is not subject to repeat participation as set forth in 22 CFR 62.20(i)(2). An exchange visitor is not eligible for participation as a Professor or Research Scholar for a period of two years following the program end date identified in SEVIS if he or she meets these two criteria:

- Entered the United States under the Exchange Visitor Program as a Professor or Research Scholar, or who has acquired such status while in the United States

AND

- Completed his or her program