# **Exchange Participant Biographical Information Form**

For Completion of DS-2019 Form for J-1 Exchange Professor

Name (Please print):		Middle Initial	Last Na	me
Permanent Address:				
E-mail Address:				
Date of Birth:		(please w	rite out in full, e.g.	June 5, 1965)
City of Birth:			□Male	□Female
Country of Birth:			<u></u>	
Citizen ofPassport Co	Legal	Permanent Residen	t of	
Employer:		Position Title:		
If this is a teaching posit	ion, what level do y	ou teach? □Primar	y □Secondary □	University
U.S. TRAVEL HISTO	RY:			
Please provide informati	on regarding your n	nost recent J1 visits	to the U.S.:	
Visa Type	Dates in th	ne U.S.	Purpose of Stay	and Location

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## **Important Immigration Regulation**

## **Two-Year Participation Bar**

At the end of the J-1 research scholar/professor's exchange visitor program, regardless of the length of the stay (7 months, 2 years, or 5 years), the exchange visitor becomes subject to a "two year bar on repeat participation as a J-1 research scholar of professor." This means that when a research scholar/professor completes his or her J-1 program participation, regardless of the length, the J-1 research scholar/professor status is concluded and is not eligible for another stay as a J-1 research scholar/professor until two years have passed.

This bar is different from the two year home country residence requirement (see below) and only applies if the individual wants to return to the U.S. in the J-1 research scholar/professor category. The two years can be spent in the U.S. in another J-1 category (i.e. short term scholar or specialist) or in another immigration status, e.g. H-1B, if eligible.

#### Existing 12 month bar

There currently exists a 12 month bar for persons seeking to use the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor category. This bar applies to individuals who have been in the US in any J status (all categories except short term scholar, and including J-2 status) for six months or more in the 12 month period immediately prior to the proposed start date on the new J program. Prospective J-1 research scholar/professors who are subject to the two year bar on participation are not subject additionally to the 12 month bar.

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