



# International Affairs

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## J-1 Scholar Departure and Exit Form

- Legal Status.** At the conclusion of your period of teaching or research at UCCS, J-1s have 30 days to leave the U.S. or to apply to the Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for an extension of stay or change of status. To obtain information about extending your J-1 program, please consult with your department and International Affairs. For information on changing status, visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).
- Taxes.** In February of each year, the University sends a W-2 Form to all individuals who received a UCCS salary during the previous calendar year. The W-2 is a final report of salary paid and tax withheld during the year and must be submitted to state and federal tax agencies by April 15<sup>th</sup> each year with individual *tax return forms* to claim refunds or to make additional payment if more tax is owed. Therefore, make sure both your department and the CU International Tax Office have an address for you in your home country.

**Please complete the following and return this form to International Affairs:**

Last Name	First Name	Visa Type	Date of Birth
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Host Department/Program	Host Faculty Member
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Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DS-2019 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Program completed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date appointment ends in the department)
- Applying for change of visa status to \_\_\_\_\_
- Filing for change to permanent resident status \_\_\_\_\_
- Transferring to another J-1 Exchange Visitor Program at \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Permanent Home Country Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Permanent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information for J-1 Research Scholars/Professors only  
(not for Short-Term Scholars or Specialists)**

There is a **24-month (two-year) bar on repeat participation** for those international scholars using the J-1 Professor or Research Scholar category. The 24-month bar applies under two circumstances:

1. If the J-1 Professor or Research Scholar completes a full five years of program participation with one or more sponsors; or
2. If, before the full five-year period is over, the Professor or Research Scholar “completes” his or her program. In this case, the continuity of the five-year period is broken, the five-year window is “closed,” the individual is not eligible to access the remaining unused time, and the individual must wait for two years before beginning a new program as a J Professor or Research Scholar.

**NOTE:** The **24-month bar** does not prohibit an individual from returning to the US in any other non-immigrant status, such as tourist, student or H-1B employee. However, if a scholar is **subject to the two-year home residence requirement**, it would affect his/her ability to obtain H-1B, L-1 or permanent resident status. Please contact International Affairs with any questions you may have in this regard.

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**If you have been placed in the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor Category** (please check # 4 on your DS-2019) and you are completing your program, the 24-month bar **applies to you and your J-2 dependents**. Consequently, you will have to wait for 24 months before you or your J-2 dependent may begin a new J-1 program in the **Research Scholar/Professor category** at any U.S. institution.

Please note that the 24-month bar is *different* from the two-year home residence requirement (212(e)). Your J visa and DS-2019 will indicate whether you are subject to 212(e).

**FAQs:**

1. I am a J-1 short-term scholar and completing my J program. Will the 24-month bar apply to a future return in the J research scholar category?  
Answer: No.
2. I am a J-1 research scholar and completing my J program. I want to apply for a J-2 visa as a dependent of my J-1 spouse. Will the 24-month bar apply?  
Answer: No, it only applies to a return in the J-1 research scholar/professor category.
3. Do I have to return to my home country to fulfill the 24-month bar?  
Answer: No, you may fulfill the 24-month bar anywhere; it is just a waiting period. This is different from the two-year home residence requirement, which has to be fulfilled in your country of citizenship, or country of permanent residence, depending on where you applied for the J visa (if your country of citizenship and country of permanent residence are different).
4. I completed my J research scholar/professor program and I'd like to return to UCCS to do research or to collaborate for a short period of time during the next 2 years. Will the 24-month bar apply to me?  
Answer: No, you may return at any time in the J short-term scholar category for up to a maximum program time of 6 months.
5. I completed my J research scholar/professor program and I'd like to return to UCCS for longer than 6 months during the next 2 years.  
Answer: For J programs longer than 6 months, the J research scholar/professor category must be used and therefore, the 24-month bar applies. However, there might be other visa options.

## J-1 Visiting Scholar Program Exit Survey

J-1 Scholar Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last day of work/research at UCCS: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you participate in any social or cultural activities offered at UCCS? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide a description of the activities you participated in.

Did you participate in any English learning activities on the UCCS campus? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide a description of the activities you participated in.

Did you participate in other community activities or events? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide a description of the activities you participated in.

Describe how your UCCS program contributed to your personal and/or professional goals.

Describe how your faculty mentor assisted you with your research/teaching program at UCCS.

Please provide suggestions for improving the J-1 program at UCCS.