

Hello,

ISSS is providing updated clarification regarding the requirement for an in-person/on-campus presence for Exchange Visitors on J-1 visas to meet the U.S. Department of State (DOS) expectations. The purpose of the BridgeUSA (Exchange Visitor) program is to promote the in-person exchange of ideas, research, mutual enrichment and linkages between research and academic institutions in the United States and foreign countries. The DOS's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) recently provided updated guidance regarding hybrid operations of the university sponsor

*ECA understands that program sponsors may need to adjust program activities to meet their obligations to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of their exchange visitors. Sponsors may pursue ways to maintain program objectives, including a limited hybrid option, of one to two telework days per week, for one more academic year, not to exceed June 30, 2023, while preventing unnecessary exposure to COVID-19.*

Based on this federal guidance, ISSS is asking our BridgeUSA (J-1 visa) sponsoring departments to please ensure that the Exchange Visitor scholars you are hosting are pursuing their program goals and objectives *at least* 3 days a week on the CU Boulder campus or the primary CU sponsored work site.

If you have an international scholar in J-1 status who will be unable to meet the 3-day a week requirement for in-person activity, then please reach out to the ISSS advisor responsible for your department/institute to discuss options and next steps.

Thank you,

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