Short-term Scholar

A short-term scholar is defined as:

A professor, research scholar, specialist, or a person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the United States on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions, or similar types of institutions.

Examples include educators, scientists, research fellows, writers, and museum administrators. The short-term scholar may also engage in collaborative research.

Short-term scholars are required to comply with Exchange Visitor Program insurance requirements and, where applicable, will be subject to the 2-year home country physical presence requirement the same as any exchange visitor.

Visit of less than three weeks and other short-term programs.

The short-term scholar category is not subject to the three –week minimum length of program requirement [22 C.F.R. § 62.8(b)] to which most other exchange visitors (including the professor and research scholar categories) are subject. It is therefore an ideal category for programs and visits of short-term duration lasting anywhere from one day to a maximum of six months.

22 C.F.R. § 62.21(g)

Documents needed for Short-term scholar

Offer letter from the Head of the Academic Department

Financial documentation

Health Insurance

Pratt Application for DS 2019

Application for DS 2019

DS 2019 Instructions

FORM A for sponsoring Department

FORM B and C for visitors