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J-1 Exchange Visiting Scholar Program

The J-1 Exchange Visiting Scholar Program promotes the interchange of cultures, knowledge and skills, mutual enrichment, and stronger links between educational institutions in the US and foreign countries. Bellevue College (BC) has been designated by the United States Department of State (USDOS) as an official Exchange Visitor Program sponsor.

It currently sponsors:

- Professors
- Research scholars
- Short-term scholars
- Specialists

About Us

The J-1 Exchange Visiting Scholar Program is overseen by the International Education and Global Initiatives (IEGI) division at BC. (See back for contact information)



Professor and Research Scholars

PROFESSORS

Candidates will be involved in teaching, lecturing, observing, or consulting at BC. Candidates may also conduct research.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Candidates will be involved in research, observe, or consult in connection with a research project at BC, corporate research facilities, museums, and/or libraries. Candidates may also teach and lecture.

Requirements:

- Candidates are not eligible for tenure track
- Appointments are temporary

Duration of Participation:

- Minimum: One quarter
- Maximum: Five years



Short-term Scholars

Candidates include professors, research scholars, or individuals with similar education or accomplishments coming to the US on a short-term visit to lecture, observe, consult, train, or demonstrate special skills at BC. Short-term scholars collaborate on special research projects, teach a quarter at BC, or lecture, consult or observe in a variety of settings in education and research in the US.

Requirements:

- Candidates are not eligible for tenure track
- Appointments are temporary

Duration of Participation:

- Minimum: Three weeks
- Maximum: Six months (no extensions)

Specialists

The purpose of specialists is to provide opportunities to increase the exchange of knowledge and ideas. Candidates must demonstrate specialized knowledge or skills. Most often, they are non-academics.

Requirements:

- Specialists are experts in a field of specialized knowledge or skill
- Specialists are *not* eligible to secure permanent or long-term positions of employment while in the US

Duration of Participation:

- Minimum: One quarter
- Maximum: One year

Host Department/Division Responsibilities:

- Provide a mentor for all of our program participants
- Assist program participants with all academic aspects

Note: Typically, financial assistance is not extended to program participants (e.g., salary/stipends, BC application fees, program processing fees, etc.). However, if compensation is provided, it must be commensurate with the salary range and benefits enjoyed by BC faculty.

Sponsor/International Education and Global Initiatives Responsibilities:

- Screens and selects all program participants
- Advises program participants on immigration matters
- Assists program participants with housing
- Counsels host departments/divisions on HR requirements

Visit BC's J-1 Exchange Visiting Scholar Program website for more information.

**[bellevuecollege.edu/globalinitiatives/
j-1-exchange-programs](https://bellevuecollege.edu/globalinitiatives/j-1-exchange-programs)**



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