

**Exchange Visitor Program Category Requirements**

**Short-Term Scholar**

**Professor & Research Scholar**

**Alien Physician**

**Intern**

**Trainee**

**Specialist**

22 CFR § 62.21

22 CFR § 62.20

22 CFR § 62.27

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22 CFR § 62.26

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|                                 | Short-Term Scholar   | Professor & Research Scholar   | Alien Physician   | Intern   | Trainee   | Specialist   |
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| <b>Purpose Of Visit</b>         | Lecture, Observe, Consult, Training, Demonstrate special skill(s).   | Research Scholar: Research, Observe, or consult in connection with a research project. Professor: Teach or lecture at university, observe or consult.  | Pursue graduate medical education or training at accredited schools of medicine or scientific institutions.   | Structured internship program that is in the student's field of study.   | Structured training program that is in the trainee's professional field.  | Observing, consulting, or demonstrating special skills.  |
| <b>Position In Home Country</b> | Professor, Researcher, Post-doc or Pre-doc, Graduate Students/ Similar (Doctors, attorneys, etc).  | Professor, Researcher, Post-doc or Pre-doc, Graduate Students/ Similar (Doctors, attorneys, etc).  | Graduate medical student with adequate prior education and training.  | Enrolled in an academic university or college outside of the U.S. or graduated within 12 months of program start.  | Has a post-secondary degree or certificate from outside of the U.S. & 1 year of work experience; or 5 years of work experience.   | Recognized as an expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill.  |
| <b>Visitor Eligibility</b>      | A short-term U.S. visit to lecture, observe, consult, train, or to demonstrate special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary educational institutions. | Temporary, non-tenure track appointments. Minimum qualifications: bachelors' degree with appropriate experience in the field in which research is to be conducted. Not physically in U.S. for all or part of 12-months preceding start date, unless excluded according to 22 CFR 62.20(d)(2)(i-iii). | Have passed a qualifying medical examination (i.e. National Board of Medical Examiners). Have documented need in physician's home country for the skills sought while in the U.S. | Currently enrolled in at a foreign post-secondary academic institution outside the U.S. OR graduated no more than 12 months prior to their program start date. | Has degree or professional certificate from a foreign post-secondary institution AND at least 1 year prior related experience outside the U.S. OR have 5 years of experience in the field in which they are training. | (1) Is an expert in a field of specialized knowledge/skill; (2)Travel to the U.S. to observe, consult, or demonstrate their special knowledge or skills; AND (3) Does not fill a permanent/ long-term position in the U.S. |
| <b>Duration of U.S. Visit</b>   | 1 day - 6 months.  | 3 weeks - 5 years.   | Limited to 7 years unless there is documented exceptional need.   | 3 weeks - 12 months.   | 3 weeks - 18 months; Hospitality: max 12 months.  | 3 weeks - 12 months.   |
| <b>Repeat Participation</b>     | Yes. No waiting period.  | Yes. After 24 months residency outside U.S.  | Up to 1 year.   | Yes, if advanced internship at the next degree level.  | Yes. After 24 months residency outside U.S.   | Yes. No waiting period.  |

Exchange  
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Category  
Requirements

**Secondary  
School Student**

**College and  
University Student**

**Summer Work  
Travel**

**Camp  
Counselor**

**Au Pair**

**Teacher**

**22 CFR § 62.25**

**22 CFR § 62.23**

**22 CFR § 62.32**

**22 CFR § 62.30**

**22 CFR § 62.31**

**22 CFR § 62.24**

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| <b>Purpose Of Visit</b>         | Study in the U.S. at accredited public or private secondary schools for an academic semester or an academic year, while living with American host families. | Participate in a degree or non-degree program at an accredited post secondary academic institution, or in a student internship program.                                     | Provide foreign students with opportunities to experience U.S. culture while working in unskilled seasonal or temporary jobs.                     | Serve as counselors in U.S. summer camps.   | Provide child care to host families and take courses at a U.S. post-secondary accredited academic institution. | Teach full-time in an accredited primary, including pre-kindergarten, or secondary (K-12) public or private school.   |
| <b>Position In Home Country</b> | Secondary school students who have not completed more than 11 years of primary and secondary study. Between the ages of 15 and 18.5 years old.              | College or University degree or non-degree applicant. For internships that satisfy degree requirements EVPs must be enrolled in a university or college outside of the U.S. | Enrolled in a university or college outside of the U.S. (including final year students).  | <i>Bona fide</i> youth workers, students, teachers, or individuals with specialized skills. | Secondary school graduate or equivalent.   | Current teacher, or has had at least two years of full-time teaching experience within the past 8 years and has or will have completed an advanced degree (beyond the B.A. equivalent) in the past 12 months. |
| <b>Visitor Eligibility</b>      | All exchange students to be enrolled and participating in a full course of study at an accredited academic institution.                                     | Admitted into a course of study in the U.S. The student must not be funded primarily by personal or family funds.   | Full time student at accredited post-secondary, classroom-based, academic institutions outside of the U.S. & has completed at least one semester. | At least 18 years of age.   | Between 18-and-26-years-old. Successful in passing a background investigation and a personality profile.       | Minimum 2 years teaching experience, a B.A. equivalent, and satisfies the teaching eligibility standards of the U.S. state in which teacher is placed.  |
| <b>Duration of U.S. Visit</b>   | No less than one academic semester and no more than two academic semesters. (Or Quarter equivalent).  | Duration of course of study. Or 24 Months for non-degree students. Or 12 months for student interns.  | 4 months. (12 months for AUS/NZ pilot program).   | 4 months.   | 12 months. Option to extend 6, 9, or 12 months   | Up to 3 years, with one or two year extensions permitted with application to sponsor.   |
| <b>Repeat Participation</b>     | No.   | Yes.  | Yes.  | Yes.  | Yes. After 24 months residency outside U.S.  | Yes, after 24 months of residency outside the U.S.  |