IMPORTANT J-1 VISA FACTS

- **Who:** J-1 Short Term Scholars may include lecturers, consultants, trainers or skill demonstrators. J-1 Short Term Scholars include individuals who visit MICA to participate in workshops, conferences, seminars or observations.

- **Length of Stay:** J-1 Short-Term are permitted to visit for up to six months. In some cases, Short-Term Scholars may apply to return to the USA in J-1 Short-Term Scholars status provided there is a substantial break between visits, the visits have separate purposes and the J-1 visitor is not subject to the Two-Year Home Residency Requirement (see below).

- **Two-Year Home Residency Requirement:** Many J-1 visa holders are required to return to their home countries for 24 months upon the completion of the J-1 program. This requirement varies based upon the J-1 visitor’s country of citizenship, field of study and source of funding. In rare occasions the J-1 visa holder may file for a waiver of this requirement.

- **Health Insurance:** J-1 visa-holders and their dependents are required to be covered by US health insurance. They should be sure to sign up for insurance before they travel to the United States. Please see our Health Insurance handout for further information.

- **Visa Application:** J-1 visas are granted by the US Department of State and are subject to the discretion of Consular Officials, US Border Officials and changing immigration laws. J-1 visas are not guaranteed.

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**PROOF OF FUNDING**

J-1 visitors must be able to prove at least $1,700/month for living expenses, plus an additional $583/month for each spouse or child dependent. Please calculate the number of months you have been invited to visit MICA, and calculate the total amount of funding required.

**Professor Funding Calculator:**

\[ \text{\# of months invited to MICA} \times \$1700 = \text{funding required for scholar} \]

**Dependent Funding Calculator:**

\[ \text{\# of months invited to MICA} \times \$583 \times \text{number of dependents} = \text{funding required for dependents} \]

**TOTAL:**

\[ \text{funding required for Scholar} + \text{funding required for dependents} = \text{TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR J STATUS} \]

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IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FORM
FOR J-1 VISITORS

VISITOR INFORMATION

NAME: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Family (last) name) _______________________________________________________________________

Given (first) name ____________________________ Middle name ____________________________

Date of Birth: ______________________________ Gender: ___Male ___Female

Example: July 28, 1986

Country of Birth: ____________________________ City of Birth: ________________________________

Country of Citizenship: ______________________ Country of legal permanent residence: ___________

Phone Number (with country code): ______________ Email Address: _____________________________

This must be your personal email address

Intended Department at MICA: ____________________________ Semester/Year Beginning: ____________

IMMIGRATION STATUS

___ I am outside the U.S. and need to obtain a J-1 visa
___ I have previously held a J-1 visa, but it is no longer active
___ I currently hold an active J-1 visa because I am or have recently been at a U.S. institution

Name and location of the U.S. school you most recently visited: ___________________________________

Dates of visit________________________________________________________

Please submit a copy of your current immigration documents with this form and request a DS-2019 transfer from
your current institution to MICA.

___ I am currently in the U.S. on another visa type and I wish to change to a J-1 visa. Current visa type: ______

ADDRESS

Permanent address in your country of citizenship: _________________________________________________

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Mailing address, for delivery of your DS-2019: _________________________________________________

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Telephone number for FedEx delivery problems: _________________________________________________

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Please submit the following documents to International Affairs

☐ J-1 Short-Term Scholar Application (this form)
☐ Official letter(s) or bank statements confirming funding from sources other than MICA
☐ Immigration Information Form for each dependent spouse/child(if applicable)
☐ Photocopy of J-1 Short-Term Scholar and dependents’ passport biographical page

Signature: ____________________________________________________________________________ Date: ____________________________________________________________________________