

The J-1 Annual Report

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MIT International Scholars Office

Categories:

- * Research Scholars ~ **1000 per year**
- * Professors **15 – 30 per year**
- * Short Term Scholars > **100 per year**
- * Specialists **0 – 5 per year**

Partners Healthcare

Categories:

- * Research Scholars **681**
- * Professors
- * Short Term Scholars **186**
- * Specialists **11**

The annual report has four components

1. a narrative program evaluation
2. a certification of compliance with the insurance coverage notification requirement
3. a numerical report of activity by exchange visitor category
4. a statistical summary of Form DS-2019 usage

#1: Narrative program evaluation

22 CFR § 62.15

- (a) *Program report and evaluation.* A brief summary of the activities in which the exchange visitors were engaged, including an evaluation of program effectiveness;
- (b) *Reciprocity.* A description of the nature and extent of reciprocity occurring in the sponsor's exchange visitor program during the reporting year;
- (c) *Cross-cultural activities.* A summary of the cross-cultural activities provided for its exchange visitors during the reporting year;

#2 Compliance with insurance requirements

22 CFR § 62.15

(d) *Proof of Insurance.* Certification of compliance with insurance coverage requirements in § 62.14

- * RO makes the certification in signing the Annual Report form (DS-3097).

How do we assess compliance?

- * MIT: J-1s sign a “Statement of Compliance with Exchange Visitor Health Insurance Requirements” upon arrival.
- * Partners: J-1s sign a “Statement of Compliance with Exchange Visitor Health Insurance Requirements” upon arrival and for J-1 extensions.

#3 Report of activity by EV category

22 CFR § 62.15

(f) Program participation. A numerical count, by category, of all exchange visitors participating in the sponsor's program for the reporting year.

#4 Summary of DS-2019 usage

22 CFR § 62.15

(e) *Form Ds-2019 usage.* A report of Form DS-2019 usage during the reporting year setting forth the following information:

- * (1) The total number of Forms DS-2019 received from the Agency during the reporting year;
- * (2) The total number of Forms DS-2019 voided or destroyed by the sponsor during the reporting year and the document numbers of such forms;
- * (3) The total number of Forms DS-2019 issued to potential exchange visitors that were returned to the sponsor or not used for entry into the United States; and
- * (4) The total number and document identification number sequence of all blank Forms DS-2019 in the possession of the sponsor on the date of the report.



* <u>Type of Report Year</u>	<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
* Academic Year	July 1 - June 30	July 31
* Fiscal Year	Oct 1 - Sept 30	Oct 31
* Calendar Year	Jan 1 - Dec 31	Jan 31

Pay attention to your due date!

Someone reads them....

Annual report will be reviewed by the Department of State upon receipt. Your annual reports will also be reviewed by DOS senior officials at the time of your redesignation.

To complete the annual report in SEVIS, perform the following:

- * SEVIS User Manual for EVP Sponsor Users: [Volume 1](#)
- * See NAFSA manual section: 4.71.3

SEVIS generates the Report form....

- * The program name and program number
- * The reporting period covered by the report
- * A statistical report of DS-2019 usage and reconciliation for the reporting period.
- * A text field that includes the narrative program evaluation
- * Certification that the program has complied with the insurance requirement
- * Spaces for the Responsible Officer to sign and date the report

SEVIS will calculate.....

- * Number of J-1 and J-2 records created to begin a new program, by program category;
- * The sponsor's allotment of DS-2019s and how many were used during the reporting period;
- * Number of records by record status.

MIT – 1. Program evaluation

Summary of Activity: Brief description of MIT's schools and interdisciplinary programs; J-1 scholar population and the research and teaching they engage in.

Ensuring program effectiveness: ISchO maintains constant communication with the 75 departments, labs, and centers that host our scholars *“in order to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the J-1 program, the needs of EVs, their compliance with Institute and regulatory guidelines and policies, and to address their adjustment, health, family, and immigration concerns.”*

New directions/trends: Increase in “teach the teachers” initiatives with lecturers and professors from overseas universities, especially in Asia.

Partners - 1. Program Evaluation

- * Summary of Activity: we provide an extensive description of Partners and its members incl MGH and BWH and their research commitment.
- * Reciprocity: we discuss global programs sponsored by the hospitals & include screen shots

MIT – 2. Reciprocity

MIT does not have precisely “reciprocal” exchange agreements.

But, it *does* have significant agreements with foreign gvts. to help form new institutions of science and technology around the world (e.g. Masdar Institute in Abu Dhabi, Singapore University of Technology and Design).

It also has many research and educational agreements with institutions around the world (e.g. Tsinghua-MIT China Energy and Climate Project).

MIT – 3. Cross-cultural activities

ISchO provides to all international scholars:

- * *Experience American Culture* <http://web.mit.edu/scholars/americanculture/index.html>
- * *Monthly Newcomer's Almanac*
- * Weekly orientations for new scholars and families
- * Fall reception and presentation on cultural adjustment
- * Tax workshop
- * Re-entry resources on ISchO website (“Going Home”)

ISchO partners with MIT Postdoctoral Association, Spouses & Partners group, Women's League, International Students Association to co-sponsor social and cultural programming, provide resources to international population.

We enclosed a sampling of brochures, web announcements related to programming with our last annual report. EVP liked the visuals!

Partners- 2. Cross Cultural activities

- * Cultural diversity festival
- * Asian American Heritage Event
- * Alumni associations
- * Social outings
- * Young scientist programs to support career growth
- * Post doc Association
- * Weekly lecture series available across the Harvard community
- * Women in Science programs

MIT – 4. Difficulties

- * Conflicting information from different gvt. agencies delays bona fide travel, exchange activity:

Scholars applying for B-1 visas to facilitate frequent short visits are being told by US Consulates they *must* come on J-1. But, EVP officials do not like J-1 Short-term Scholar category used repeatedly for the same EV.

Partners- 3. Difficulties

- * Discussed J 1 change of status issues

MIT – 6. Other comments

- * Our opportunity to comment on J-1 regs and suggest improvements:
 - * How does SEVIS calculate the annual report numbers???
 - * 24-month bar for J-1 Research Scholars and Professors, use of J-1 Short-Term scholar category.

Partners- 4. Additional comments

- * Website improvements
- * Focus groups
- * Staff changes
- * Training for International Office staff
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