

## J-1 END OF PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

The US Department of State requires J-1 sponsoring institutions to report the end of all J-1 exchange visitor programs. All MUSC J-1 exchange visitors must notify the Center for Global Health of their intention to end the J-1 program by submitting this form **in advance** and **prior to departing** from the United States. This form must be completed by both the exchange visitor (Part I) and the necessary officials from the sponsoring MUSC department (Part II).

### PART I – COMPLETED BY EXCHANGE VISITOR

*Your actual end date is the last day that you will be physically present at MUSC participating in your J-1 program activities. This date can be no later than the end date on your DS-2019 form. If your actual end date is more than 15 days earlier than your DS-2019 end date, the Center for Global Health must issue a new DS-2019 form for you with an adjusted end date.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-MUSC e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

End date on DS-2019 form: \_\_\_\_\_ Actual end date/last day at MUSC: \_\_\_\_\_

If departing from the US, estimated departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for ending program:

- Completion of program objectives
- Withdrawal from program
- Personal medical/health issues
- Family medical/health issues
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the information on page 2 concerning the end of my exchange visitor program and departure from the United States.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exchange Visitor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### PART II – COMPLETED BY SPONSORING DEPARTMENT

*If the sponsoring MUSC department has any questions or concerns related to this exchange visitor, the Center for Global Health should be contacted immediately (prior to the exchange visitor's last day).*

By signing below, the sponsoring MUSC department approves of the exchange visitor's actual last day at MUSC, as stated on this form, as well as the exchange visitor's reason for ending the J-1 program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Supervisor Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Contact Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## KEY POINTS FOR DEPARTING EXCHANGE VISITORS

### **Grace Period**

Upon completion of your J-1 program, you and any accompanying J-2 dependents have a 30-day grace period to remain in the United States. The intention of this grace period is to allow you time to wrap up your affairs in the US, travel within the US (if desired), and prepare for your departure.

During this grace period, you cannot:

- Participate in J-1 program activities or be paid
- Travel outside of the US and re-enter the US in J-1 status

### **DS-2019 Forms**

You are responsible for keeping the originals of all current and previous DS-2019 forms. These documents should be kept *indefinitely* as part of your US immigration records. You may be asked to provide these documents at a later date, if you ever apply for another visa or other immigration-related benefits from the US.

Federal regulations currently prohibit the electronic transmission of DS-2019 forms, unless specifically requested by a government entity. Therefore, the Center for Global Health cannot send you scanned copies of DS-2019 forms in the future, if you happen to misplace your original forms.

### **12-Month Bar**

According to the 12-month repeat participation bar, you are not eligible to begin a new J program in the Research Scholar or Professor categories if you were physically present in the US in any J status (including J-2 status) for all or part of the 12-month period preceding the new program start date. Exceptions to this rule: presence in J-1 status in the Short-Term Scholar category; presence in J-1 status of less than 6 months; transferring to a new J-1 program sponsor.

### **24-Month Bar**

The 24-month repeat participation bar applies to current Research Scholars and Professors. Once you complete your current J-1 program in the Research Scholar or Professor categories, you will not be eligible for participation in a new J-1 program in the Research Scholar or Professor category for 24 months. The 24-month bar is not a home country residence requirement.

### **212(e) Two-Year Requirement**

Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act establishes the two-year home country physical presence requirement (also known as the “two-year rule” or “two-year residence requirement”). The 212(e) two-year requirement is different than the 24-month bar for repeat participation in a J Research Scholar or Professor program. If you are subject to 212(e), you must return to your home country for a total period of two years before you would be eligible for certain visa status categories (such as H-1B) or adjustment to permanent resident status. Visit the US Department of State website for more information on the 212(e) requirement and applying for a waiver of this requirement.