IMMIGRATION RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE J-1 SCHOLAR

Report address changes to ISSS: U.S. federal regulations require all J-1 exchange visitors to report a change of address within 10 days of moving. ISSS will report this information for you in the US government’s electronic database, SEVIS. Please submit the change of address request to a scholar advisor at ISSS.

Report departure date to the ISSS: if plan to leave your program before the end date listed on your DS2019, you must inform a scholar advisor so ISSS can update your program information in SEVIS.

Obtain a travel signature prior to travel outside the US: a scholar advisor must endorse the DS-2019(s) of the scholar and his/her dependent family members (if applicable) for travel if they wish to travel outside the US and reenter in J-1 status. You must present health insurance information including policy number for a signature.

Keep immigration documents (passport and DS2019) current: Exchange visitors should contact their embassy/consulate in the US for information on passport renewal.

Maintain adequate health insurance: As a J-1 exchange visitor, you agree to maintain adequate health insurance for yourself and any J-2 dependents. This is a requirement of the US Department of State. Your health insurance policy must meet the following minimum coverages: $50,000 per sickness or accident, $10,000 for medical evacuation, and $7,500 for repatriation of remains to your home country in case of death. Maternity (pregnancy, pre-natal, and birth) benefits must be covered same as sickness.

Apply for an extension prior to the expiration of the DS-2019: Exchange visitors must request an extension of their DS-2019 before it expires if they wish to remain at UMASS Boston beyond the expiration date of the DS-2019. Scholars in the Professor or Research Scholar categories have a maximum of 5 years to complete their J-1 program. Short term scholars have a maximum of 6 months.

Abide by employment regulations: J-1 scholars may conduct research or teach only at UMASS Boston. Authorization to be paid for a consultation or occasional lectures at other institution may be granted if the position is approved in writing a UMB scholar advisor approved by your scholar advisor. Engaging in outside activity without authorization is grounds for program termination.

Change of status applications: discuss any change of status petition with a UMB scholar advisor prior to petitioning USCIS.

Depart the US within the 30 day grace period: Exchange visitors must depart the US within 30 days of the end date on the DS-2019 or the completion of the program, whichever is earlier (unless they have applied for a change of status to USCIS). Your J-2 dependents must exit the US with you.

J-2 Dependents: J-2 dependents are completely dependent on the J-1 status of the principle. You cannot leave the United States and leave your J-2 dependents in the US for long periods of time. Dependent children must seek a change of status upon reaching the age of 21.

I have reviewed and understand the above Immigration Responsibilities with my UMB scholar advisor and have been issued a J-1 Scholar Orientation Guide.

J-1 Faculty/Scholar Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________

UMB Scholar Advisor Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________