

J-1 Exchange Visitor Invitation Agreement

I understand and agree to the responsibilities with respect to accepting the invitation as an Exchange Visitor under the United States Department of State J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. Those responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Engage only in appropriate activities permitted under the program & category described in Section 4 of DS-2019 immigration document.
- Failure to comply with the immigration regulations may result in the termination of my (or my dependents') exchange visitor program and legal status in the U.S.
- Maintain required health insurance for the entire duration of program (see below)
- Report my departure date to CIE and depart the US within 30 days of ending program at SIU
- I understand that my Sponsoring Faculty Host will supervise my daily activities during my stay, and the Center for International Education will monitor my immigration compliance.
- I authorize the Center for International Education at SIU to retrieve and keep a copy of my I-94 Arrival/Departure Record.
- My signature affirms that I understand and will comply with the requirements stipulated by SIU.
- Inform my host and CIE of any changes in my arrival/departure dates
- Make an orientation appointment at CIE within 2 weeks of arrival in the US

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

MANDATORY INSURANCE INFORMATION

J-1 exchange visitors (and their J-2 family members) are required, as a condition of their visa status, to carry health insurance which meets the minimum requirements. The following companies sell policies which specifically meet these requirements.

<p>Diederich Insurance Agency 506 W. Main Street Carbondale, IL 62901 Phone: 618-457-6721 Agent: Cindy Parrone cparrone@diederichgroup.com</p>	<p>Brackett Insurance Consultants 300 E Main St #6 Carbondale, IL 62901 (618) 503-0359 Agent: Bonnie Brackett</p>
<p>Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. https://www.gallagherstudent.com/students/student-home.php?idField=1187</p>	<p>It is highly recommended that you purchase from a local company, as they will be able to explain the insurance and help you in the event that you need it.</p>

As insurance rates may vary based upon the company you choose, as well as the health-status, age, etc. of the insured, it is recommended that you get estimates from at least 3 different agencies to make certain that you are making the best choice for your personal situation. You must be covered by this insurance by the day your

program starts (start date listed on your DS-2019). Therefore, insurance should be purchased before you arrive, or you should arrive before your start date in order to purchase it.

You and your dependents must maintain health insurance coverage for the entire duration of your stay in the US. If your stay is extended beyond the initial time period, you will be responsible for renewing and extending your health insurance coverage. **Please understand that failure to comply with this mandated health insurance requirement will result in the termination of your participation in this J-1 Exchange Visitor program.** CIE must have a current and updated copy of your health insurance policy at all times. You can visit the Department of State website for more detailed information on the health insurance requirement. <https://j1visa.state.gov/sponsors/how-to-administer-a-program/> (click on “Insurance” dropdown)

In the U.S. certain kinds of elective medical care, such as eyeglasses or dentistry, are not ordinarily covered by insurance and can be quite costly. If at all possible, you should plan on taking care of these needs before leaving for your visit to the U.S.

If you do not purchase the insurance from one of the above suggested sources, it is your responsibility to prove that the insurance you did purchase meets the minimum standards (IN ENGLISH).

Minimum coverage must provide the following:

1. Medical benefits of at least of \$100,000 per accident/illness
2. A deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident/illness
3. Expenses associated with the medical evacuation to the home country (\$50,000)
4. Repatriation of remains (\$25,000)
5. Any policy must be underwritten by an insurance corporation having an A.M. Best rating of “A-“or above, and Insurance Solvency International, Ltd. (ISI) rating of “A-“or above, a Standard & Poor’s Claims-paying Ability rating of “A” or above, a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of “B+” or above, OR backed by the full faith & credit of the government of the exchange visitor’s home country.
6. An insurance policy secured to fulfill these requirements:
 - a. May require a waiting period for pre-existing conditions which is reasonable as determined by current industry standards;
 - b. May include a provision for co-insurance under the terms of which the exchange visitor may be required to pay up to 25% of the covered benefits per accident or illness; and
 - c. Shall not unreasonably exclude coverage for perils inherent to the activities of the exchange program in which the exchange visitor participates.

Depending on the specifics of your agreement with your SIU departmental sponsor, you may or may not be eligible for participation in SIU’s employee health insurance plan. Please note that the SIU employee insurance plan does NOT cover items 3 & 4 (medical evacuation and repatriation). If you have SIU health insurance, you must purchase a separate policy that covers these 2 items. You may purchase this type of insurance from a variety of companies on-line. One example can be found at: <http://www.hginsurance.com/medevac.asp> (the Harbour Group).