

## Differences among J-1 Research Scholars/Professors, J-1 Short Term Scholars and B-1 Tourist for Business

	J-1 Research Scholar or Professor	J-1 Short-term Scholar	B-1/Visa Waiver
<b>Appropriate Activities</b>	Collaborative research, teaching (NOT tenure track), consultation, cultural exchange, observation, demonstration of special skills	Collaborative research, teaching (NOT tenure track), consultation, cultural exchange, observation, demonstration of special skills	Conference attendance, meeting to formalize agreements, independent research (with no benefit to NU) observation (with no participation)
<b>Length</b>	Minimum: 3 weeks, Maximum 5 years	No minimum, Maximum of 6 months	Generally, 6 months for B-1 and 90 days for Visa Waiver; Officer at the Port of Entry has discretion to reduce length
<b>Compensation Options</b>	May receive a salary or other type of payment, or may be self-funded	May receive a salary or other type of payment, or may be self-funded	May receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses related to activities. May receive honorarium ONLY IF visit at NU is 9 days or less AND visitor has not received honoraria from more than 5 other US institutions in past 6 months
<b>Health Insurance Requirements</b>	Mandatory, policy requirements set by federal regulation	Mandatory, policy requirements set by federal regulation	We strongly recommend that all visitors obtain adequate coverage to protect against unexpected medical costs before arriving in the U.S.
<b>Social Security Number Eligibility</b>	Eligible	Eligible	Not eligible
<b>Fees for Visitor</b>	SEVIS fee + embassy appointment fees	SEVIS fee + embassy appointment fees	Embassy appointment fees for B-1 visa or ESTA fee for Visa Waiver
<b>OISS Role</b>	Sponsorship through OISS	Sponsorship through OISS	Host department may provide invitation letter
<b>Impact on Future US Travel</b>	Subject to 24-month bar on repeat participation; may be subject to two-year home residency requirement	May be subject to two-year home residency requirement	None
<b>Spousal benefits</b>	Spouse on J-2 visa is eligible to apply for work authorization	Spouse on J-2 visa is eligible to apply for work authorization, but may not be practical due to short length of stay	None
<b>Restrictions</b>	Visitor cannot have held J-1 Research Scholar or Professor status within past 24 months (unless transferring active record), cannot have held any J status other than Short-Term Scholar in past 12 months	None	None, visitor must obtain a B-1 (business) visa, not a B-2 (tourist) visa

## J-1 Scholar vs B-1/ WB Visitor Permissions

Can I...	J1 Scholar (NU Employee)	B-1 Visitor/ Visa Waiver Program (WB)
Get a University ID	Yes	No
Get NU Email	Yes	No
Get a Net ID	Yes	No
Get a formal NU Appointment	Yes	No
Access NU Facilities	Yes	No, use only as a member of the public
Get Health Insurance	Yes	No, but advised to purchase own travel insurance or <a href="#">Visiting Scholar Plan</a>
Participate in lab research	Yes	No, observation only
Participate in clinical work (human/ animal)	No – observation only. For what is deemed “clinical,” contact OISS.	No, observation only
Get paid salary, wages, or stipend	Yes	No
Get paid an honorarium	Yes	Yes, contact department’s HR Business Partner
Get reimbursed for travel	Yes	Yes, contact department’s HR Business Partner

