

Request for NEW Exchange Scientist (ES)

NOTE: Maximum time limit for Exchange Scientists (Courtesy Associates) is a cumulative (or aggregate) of 12 months.

Documents Required:

- Completed NIH Form 829-1, Parts I & II (http://dis.ors.od.nih.gov/forms/01_forms.html)
- CV and Bibliography
- Copy of highest earned degree (for NIH-sponsored J-1, minimum degree required is a Master’s or equivalent)¹
- If the ES is a doctoral degree student:
 - Evidence of enrollment in doctoral program, signed by Dean or Registrar on university letterhead
 - The DIS will verify with the NIH Graduate Partnerships Program (GPP – <https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/gpp>) that all appropriate GPP approvals are in place before processing the request
- Evidence of supplemental funding, if applicable²
- Copy of passport biographical page for ES **and** each dependent (including passport expiration date)
- If currently in the US:
 - Copy of current Form I-94 for ES **and** dependents
 - Copy of most recent visa for ES **and** dependents, if available
 - Copy of immigration documents (see below)

¹ Include certified translation of all foreign language documents
² Include the name of the organization, amount of funding in U.S. Dollars, and duration of funding. The funding letter must be on the organization’s letterhead and signed by an individual authorized to confirm the funding. Minimum funding for NIH-sponsored J-1 must equal \$25,000 on an annual basis.

In addition, include these documents according to immigration status:

J-1 transfer to NIH sponsorship:

- Copy of **all** Forms DS-2019 (and IAP-66) for J-1 **and** J-2 dependents
- Ensure properly completed Form 829-1, particularly Section I., “Research Program,” in Part I

J-1 Student or Non-NIH J-1 sponsorship:

- Copy of **all** Forms DS-2019 (and IAP-66) for J-1 **and** J-2 dependents
- For J-1 Students, letter of authorization for academic training from RO/ARO
- For all other non-NIH sponsored J-1s, letter of authorization from RO/ARO

Adjustment Applicants (for LPR):

- Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

J-2 (Dependents of J-1):

- Copies of all Forms DS-2019 for J-2 **and** J-1
- Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

F-1 Student with CPT/OPT:

- Copy of **all** Forms I-20 (all pages) for F-1
- Current Form I-20 authorized for CPT/OPT
- OPT – Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

Other nonimmigrant classifications:

- Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or other USCIS authorization to work

For any nonimmigrant classifications not listed, please consult with your DIS Team.

For DIS Processing Times, please refer to http://dis.ors.od.nih.gov/advisories/techadvis_no01.html

NOTE: Individuals in this category are not covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act, therefore they are generally not permitted to have incidental patient contact. An exception can be made if malpractice insurance is purchased.

Send above documents via HAND-CARRY to DIS:

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