



Visiting Student Researchers J-1 Scholar Statement of Understanding

Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)

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As a condition of your J-1 status, please read over carefully, initial each statement, and sign.

I, Nobuyoshi Hirawatsu (print first and last name), plan to come to Rice University as a J-1 Exchange Visitor and understand that I am responsible for maintaining my immigration status while in the U.S., which includes but is not limited to the following requirements:

N.H. 1. My research supervising professor at Rice is Juñchiro Kono.

N.H. 2. I attest that I am currently participating in an academic degree program in my home country.

N.H. 3. I attest that I am in good standing academically.

N.H. 4. I attest that I have my current academic degree program's approval to conduct research at Rice University.

N.H. 5. I have acquired verifiable English skills which will allow success in my day-to-day function in my internship experience at Rice. (E.g. I have earned an acceptable score on a recognized English language test: TOEFL = 90; IELTS = 7.)

N.H. 6. I have reviewed the J-1 Health Insurance PowerPoint on the OISS Scholar Health Insurance web page and understand that I must maintain health insurance for myself and any J-2 dependents throughout my entire J-1 stay. I understand that I will be required to provide proof of health insurance to OISS. Furthermore, I understand that if I neglect to purchase health insurance or maintain coverage for myself, I will be terminated from the J-1 program by Rice University and the termination reported to SEVIS and the U.S. Department of State, as per 22 CFR 62.14.

N.H. 7. I understand that if I am requesting an extension of stay at Rice, I will not only need to work with my inviting department for the required extension documentation, but that I will also need to submit updated proof of insurance for myself (and my dependents) for the additional time before my DS-2019 is updated. (22 CFR 62.20(i)(3); (22 CFR 62.14(b))

N.H. 8. I understand that I may need to provide OISS with original financial documents upon my arrival in order to verify my financial status. J-1 visiting undergraduate research students must be substantially funded from non-personal/family funds. (22 CFR 62.12(b)(1)(i))

N.H. 9. I understand that I must have a valid passport (at least 6 months into the future), a valid DS-2019 and an I-94 stamp with J-1, D/S to be considered in-status in the U.S.

N.H. 10. I understand that I cannot work on-campus or off-campus without proper authorization through OISS. Approval is authorized only under rare circumstances. (22 CFR 62.16), (22 CFR 62.23(f)(2)

N.H. 11. I understand that I must report changes to my U.S. address through Esther within 8 days of an address change. (22 CFR 62.10(d))

N.H. 12. I understand that I must get a travel signature if I leave the U.S. during my time at Rice and plan to return to resume my program, *as per the requirements stated on the back of my DS-2019 form*. If I plan to stay out of the country for an extended period of time, I also understand that I will need to get authorization to do this from both my inviting department and the OISS **before** I go.

N.H. 13. I understand that I must report any of the following situations to OISS as it may affect my immigration status: birth of a child, marriage, change of legal name, divorce, hospitalization, long periods out of country, etc. (8 CFR 214.2(j)(1)(viii))

N.H. 14. I understand that I must participate in American cultural activities and report my experiences to OISS. (22 CFR 62.8(d)(2))

N.H. 15. I understand there may be restrictions on returning to the U.S. after my J-1 period ends. See <http://oiss.rice.edu/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=358> for more information. (22 C.F.R. § 62.20(d))

N.H. 16. I understand that applying for the 212(e) waiver while I am under Rice University's J Exchange Visitor sponsorship carries significant visa implications and limitations to visa extensions, institution transfers, and funding for change of visa status to H-1B. As such, I understand it is in my best interest to discuss the timeframe for applying for the 212e waiver with an OISS advisor. (INA § 212(e); 22 C.F.R. § 41.62(c)-(d); 22 C.F.R. § 41.63; 22 C.F.R. § 40.202; 8 C.F.R. § 248.2(a))

N.H. 17. I understand that any benefits of getting a 212(e) waiver do not apply, if not discussed and approved by OISS and inviting department prior to application.

N.H. 18. I certify that none of the documentation or information I have submitted is false. If any documentation or answers I have provided are found to be false, I understand my status will be terminated and I must leave the U.S. immediately.

By signing below, I understand and have read the J-1 Scholar Statement of Understanding and agree to comply with the U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) immigration regulations throughout my time at Rice University in J-1 status.

Visiting Student's Name Printed Nobuyoshi Hiratawa Visiting Student's Signature 平松 信義 Date 2 May 2016