**FAMILY DEPENDENT INVITATION REQUEST**

**For Research/Short-Term Scholars (J visa)**

Attached is the required paperwork that you will need to read and compete in order to invite your spouse and/or dependents to join you in the United States.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

You must provide documentation to ISS to show you have sufficient funding to support yourself, plus your spouse and/or dependents while at UW. ISS is required to have this documentation by United States Citizenship and Immigration (USCIS) to issue the dependent DS-2019 documents. The documentation will also be required by the U. S. Embassy/Consulate when they apply for their visas. This documentation may consist of a letter from your department to verify a salary, a letter from a bank verifying personal savings or checking amounts which have been available for over 60 days, or a funding letter from a sponsor.

Amounts Required: **First Dependent: $500/month** and each **Additional Dependent: $325/month**

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Per 22 C.F.R. 62.14 all exchange visitors (both J-1 principals and J-2 dependents) must have sickness and accident insurance and medical evacuation and repatriation insurance for the duration of their exchange visitor program. Coverage maintained must be at least:

Medical Benefits of at least $100,000/per person, per accident or illness

Repatriation of Remains $25,000

Medical Evacuation $50,000

Deductible per accident or illness $500 (or less)

The regulations also state that "willful non-compliance to the regulation will result in termination of the exchange visitor's program".

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

**Employment**

The high cost of living in the U.S. may require the J-2 dependent spouse to work. J-2 dependent spouses may apply for work authorization from USCIS only under specific immigration guidelines. This often causes frustration since your spouse may have a well established profession in your home country and will not be able to continue with it while in the U. S.

**Public Charge**

An individual who is likely at any time to become a public charge is inadmissible to the United States and ineligible to become a legal permanent resident. However, receiving public benefits does not automatically make an individual a public charge. See the fact sheet online at <https://www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/public-charge-fact-sheet> which provides information about public charge determinations to help noncitizens make informed choices about whether to apply for certain public benefits.

For additional information on housing, child care, health care and other things that should be considered before bringing your family to the United States and UW, please refer to the International Students/Scholars Handbook at <https://www.uwyo.edu/iss/handbook/>.

**SPOUSE AND/OR DEPENDENTS’ INFORMATION**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Copies of all financial support must be attached to this document for dependent DS-2019’s to be issued.

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| **Family Name** | **Given Names** | **Relationship to applicant** | **Date of BirthMM/DD/YY** | **City & Country of Birth** | **Country of Citizenship** | **Country of Permanent Residence** | **Email** |
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**REQUESTED BY:** (Scholar Information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_W#

SEVIS #: N Phone #:

Department: ­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail:

Comments:

I understand I must carry the required insurance stated on page 1 for myself and any dependents. \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

I understand that UW must terminate my immigration status if I do not have the required insurance stated on page 1 for me and my dependents. \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

I also agree to bring my spouse/dependent(s) passport and other travel documents to International Students & Scholars for copying within 20 days of their arrival in Laramie. \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

**Failure to comply with all requirements for my dependents could be a violation of my status and result in termination of my program and possible enforced departure from the United States.**

Signature Today’s Date

Return to International Students and Scholars, Suite 5, Cheney International Center
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