

## Department of State

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up to and including skilled occupations requiring at least two years training or experience.

*On-the-job training* means an individual's observation of and participation in given tasks demonstrated by experienced workers for the purpose of acquiring competency in such tasks.

*Prescribed course of study* means a non-degree academic program with a specific educational objective. Such course of study may include intensive English language training, classroom instruction, research projects, and/or academic training to the extent permitted in § 62.23.

*Reciprocity* means the participation of a United States citizen in an educational and cultural program in a foreign country in exchange for the participation of a foreign national in the Exchange Visitor Program. Where used herein, "reciprocity" shall be interpreted broadly; unless otherwise specified, reciprocity does not require a one-for-one exchange or that exchange visitors be engaged in the same activity. For example, exchange visitors coming to the United States for training in American banking practices and Americans going abroad to teach foreign nationals public administration would be considered a reciprocal exchange, when arranged or facilitated by the same sponsor.

*Responsible officer* means the employee or officer of a designated sponsor who has been listed with the Department of State as assuming the responsibilities outlined in § 62.11. The designation of alternate responsible officers is permitted and encouraged. The responsible officer and alternate responsible officers must be citizens of the United States or persons who have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

*Secretary of State* means the Secretary of State of the Department of State or an employee of the Department of State acting under a delegation of authority from the Secretary of State.

*Specialty occupation* means an occupation that requires theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge to perform fully in the stated field of endeavor. It requires completion of a specified course

of education, where attainment of such knowledge or its equivalent is the minimum competency requirement recognized in the particular field of endeavor in the United States. Some examples of specialized fields of knowledge are public and business administration, agricultural research, architecture, engineering, computer and physical sciences, accounting, and print and broadcast journalism.

*Sponsor* means a legal entity designated by the Secretary of State of the State Department to conduct an exchange visitor program.

*Third party* means an entity cooperating with or assisting the sponsor in the conduct of the sponsor's program. Sponsors are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that third parties know and comply with all applicable provisions of these regulations. Third party actions in the course of providing such assistance or cooperation shall be imputed to the sponsor in evaluating the sponsor's compliance with these regulations.

### § 62.3 Sponsor eligibility.

(a) Entities eligible to apply for designation as a sponsor of an exchange visitor program are:

- (1) United States local, state and federal government agencies;
- (2) International agencies or organizations of which the United States is a member and which have an office in the United States; or
- (3) Reputable organizations which are "citizens of the United States," as that term is defined in § 62.2.

(b) To be eligible for designation as a sponsor, an entity is required to:

- (1) Demonstrate, to the Department of State's satisfaction, its ability to comply and remain in continual compliance with all provisions of part 62; and
- (2) Meet at all times its financial obligations and responsibilities attendant to successful sponsorship of its exchange program.

### § 62.4 Categories of participant eligibility.

Sponsors may select foreign nationals to participate in their exchange visitor programs. Participation by foreign

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nationals in an exchange visitor program is limited to individuals who shall be engaged in the following activities in the United States:

(a) *Student*. An individual who is:

(1) Studying in the United States:

(i) Pursuing a full course of study at a secondary accredited educational institution;

(ii) Pursuing a full course of study leading to or culminating in the award of a U.S. degree from a post-secondary accredited educational institution; or

(iii) Engaged full-time in a prescribed course of study of up to 24 months duration conducted by:

(A) A post-secondary accredited educational institution; or

(B) An institute approved by or acceptable to the post-secondary accredited educational institution where the student is to be enrolled upon completion of the non-degree program;

(2) Engaged in academic training as permitted in § 62.23(f); or

(3) Engaged in English language training at:

(i) A post-secondary accredited educational institution, or

(ii) An institute approved by or acceptable to the post-secondary accredited educational institution where the college or university student is to be enrolled upon completion of the language training.

(b) *Short-term scholar*. A professor, research scholar, or person with similar education or accomplishments coming to the United States on a short-term visit for the purpose of lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions, or similar type of institutions.

(c) *Trainee*. An individual participating in a structured training program conducted by the selecting sponsor.

(d) *Teacher*. An individual teaching full-time in a primary or secondary accredited educational institution.

(e) *Professor*. An individual primarily teaching, lecturing, observing, or consulting a post-secondary accredited educational institutions, museums, libraries, or similar types of institutions. A professor may also conduct re-

search, unless disallowed by the sponsor.

(f) *Research scholar*. An individual primarily conducting research, observing, or consulting in connection with a research project at research institutions, corporate research facilities, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions, or similar types of institutions. The research scholar may also teach or lecture, unless disallowed by the sponsor.

(g) *Specialist*. An individual who is an expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill coming to the United States for observing, consulting, or demonstrating special skills.

(h) *Other person of similar description*. An individual of description similar to those set forth in paragraphs (a) through (g) coming to the United States, in a program designated by the Department of State under this category, for the purpose of teaching, instructing or lecturing, study, observing, conducting research, consulting, demonstrating special skills, or receiving training. The programs designated by the Department of State in this category consist of:

(1) *International visitor*. An individual who is a recognized or potential leader, selected by the Department of State for consultation, observation, research, training, or demonstration of special skills in the United States.

(2) *Government visitor*. An individual who is an influential or distinguished person, selected by a U.S. federal, state, or local government agency for consultation, observation, training, or demonstration of special skills in the United States.

(3) *Camp counselor*. An individual selected to be a counselor in a summer camp in the United States who imparts skills to American campers and information about his or her country or culture.

### § 62.5 Application procedure.

(a) Any entity meeting the eligibility requirements set forth in § 62.3 may apply to the Department of State for designation as a sponsor. Such application shall be made on Form DS-3036 (“Exchange Visitor Program Application”) and filed with the Department of