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MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty and Research Hosts sponsoring International Faculty & Research Scholars

From: Jacie Lavallee, Director of Personnel Administration & Systems, Bouve College of Health Sciences
& the International Student & Scholar Institute

Re: New Regulations Concerning International Faculty & Researchers in J status

New regulations pertaining to the categories of “research scholar” and “professor” in the J visitor exchange program have been implemented as of **November 4, 2006** by the U.S. Department of State.

The changes are as follows: the maximum period of participation for J Professors and J Research Scholars has been raised from three to five years. The five year period, however, is not counted in aggregate; it is a continuous five year period given to the participant on a “use it or lose it” basis. After formal completion of the professor’s or scholar’s program, regardless of whether the program has used up the entire five year period, a two-year bar on J participation goes into effect. This applies only to those who completed their programs *on or after November 4, 2006*.

Previously, any J participation for more than 6 months would bar a professor or scholar from participation again for only one year. *Now, that bar will be two years.* In the event of an international scholar needing to return to his/her home country for research purposes while on Northeastern’s sponsorship in those two categories, and then requesting to return after several months to continue his/her collaboration on campus, the ISSI must be consulted in advance to review this case. Whenever a research scholar or professor is absent from Northeastern’s campus for more than four weeks, the professor or scholar must report their absence to the ISSI. This includes any collaboration with any outside institutions or universities.

Please know that the ISSI staff is available to answer any questions you may have concerning regulations impacting the international scholar community. Feel free to call Elsa Gontrum or Elizabeth Diaz (617-373-2310) to schedule an appointment or for drop-in hours.