The purpose of this form is to outline the Department of State regulations governing the J-1 Short-Term scholar category. To ensure that the time limitations of this category are understood and agreed upon by the scholar, a dated signature is required below.

J-1 Short-Term Scholar

The J-1 Short-Term Scholar regulations permit the scholar to hold an appointment at Northeastern for a time period of up to six months or less, however, as per regulation, no extensions are possible beyond the six months.

In the J-1 Short-Term Scholar category, the scholar is permitted to lecture, research, observe, consult or train. For short term visits, the J-1 Short-Term Scholar category is the most appropriate category because it does not trigger the 24-month bar. (The 24-month bar is associated only with the J-1 Research Scholar and J-1 Professor categories, which carry a time limit of up to five years. Once the scholar completes his/her appointment in a J-1 Research or Professor category, he/she is barred from using the J-1 Professor or Research Scholar category for a 24-month period.)

However, please note the Short-Term Scholar J-1 may still incur the Two Year Home Residency Requirement (212(e)). 212(e) is a distinct and separate regulation from the 24-Month Bar Against Repeat Participation in the Research Scholar and Professor Categories. The Department of State Consular Officer will make the determination as to whether the scholar is subject to 212(e) based on various factors, such as receipt of U.S. government funds, receipt of home government funds, and/or whether the scholar’s country has a skills list that includes the “skill” or area of research/teaching in which the scholar is engaged.

Please read carefully, sign below, and date:

I, the undersigned, understand that the maximum program duration for the J-1 Short-Term Scholar category is six months and that it is not legally possible to request an extension beyond those six months.

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Short-Term Scholar’s Printed Name        Date

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Short-Term Scholar’s Signature        Date