J-1 Short-Term Scholar

Duration:
6 months

Processing Information:
- Processed by OISS
- Allow 6 to 8 weeks* for OISS to process and send immigration document to scholar

*Does not include time waiting for a visa appointment[2] and USCIS's visa processing time

Use at Yale:
- Lab Associate
- Visiting Faculty
- Visiting Fellow
- Postdoctoral Appointment (if < 6 months)
- Postgraduate (if < 6 months)

Considerations:
- Fastest non-immigrant option; takes the least amount of time to process.
- Not be subject to the 12 or 24 month bar [3], which they would be if using the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor category.
- Dependents hold J-2 status and can apply for work authorization.
- May be subject to the two year home country resident requirement [4].
- May transfer [5] between different U.S. schools inside the U.S but there can be no gap between employers.

About J-1 Visas [6]