

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Please complete and upload this document to your folder in BOX (link or invitation sent by ISSS) along with scanned copies of ALL of the documents requested on page 4.

SECTION I: BIOGRAPHICA	AL INFORMATION (as it appears of	n your passport)	
Name	 First/Given Nar	mas	_
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Male □ Female □	Married □	Single □	
City of birth	Country of bi	rth	
Country of legal permanent residence	Country of citiz	zenship	
Date of birth (month/day/year)			
Permanent residential address in home	e country:		
Street Name and Number / district if any		Apartment Number	
City State/	/Province (if any)	Postal Code	
Mailing address - to send your immigrati NOTE - in case of a transfer, we will give you the DS		ove):	
Street Name and Number / district if any		Apartment Number	
City State/	/Province (if any)	Postal Code	
Current personal email address	Current phone nur	nber	
SE	ECTION II: EMPLOYEMENT		
What is your current position/occupation your <b>home country</b> ?	in <u>home country</u> ? OR What was yo	our <u>last</u> position/occupation	in
Name of the employer and type of emplo	oyer (university, private research inst	itute, hospital etc.)	_
Did you earn a medical degree in your h	ome country?	Yes □ No □	_
Will your UAB research opportunity invol	lve clinical work or patient contact?	Yes □ No □	



SECTION III: IMMIGRATION HISTORY		
Are you currently at another US institution in J-1 status?	Yes □	No □
If yes, name of your current US institution		
If you are currently in J-1 status at another US institution and will be transferring your J status the International Scholar Transfer Clearance Form.	s to UAB, please	e complete
	Voc 🗆	No □
Have you <u>ever</u> been issued a Form DS-2019 by UAB or any other institution?		
Have you applied for a J-1 waiver?	Yes □	No □
If yes, have you received the Dept. of State recommendation letter?	Yes □	No □
Have you been in the US as a J-1 Short-Term Scholar within the past 6 months?	Yes □	No □
Have you been in the US as a J-1 Research Scholar/Professor at any time during	the past 24 m Yes □	onths? No □
Have you been in the US as a J-1 Short-Term Scholar within the past 6 months?	Yes □	No □
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(\*For 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, attach **PROOF** of such funds in the form of letters from sponsoring organizations, **current bank statements showing balance and liquidity of funds**, and/or an offer letter from the UAB department detailing support.)

Please inform ISSS office immediately of any change in financial support while at UAB



## **SECTION V: DEPENDENTS**

If any dependents (*i.e.*, spouse or children under age 21) will accompany you to the US/UAB and stay with you the entire time, please provide the following information:

For spouse:		Male □	Female □
For spouse: Last/Family Name	First/Given Name(s)		
Date of birth (month/day/year)	City <u>and</u> Country	of birth	
Country of citizenship	Country of permanent re	esidence	
For 1 <sup>st</sup> child		Male □	Female □
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Date of birth (month/day/year)	City and Country	of birth	
Country of citizenship	Country of permanent re	esidence	
For 2 <sup>nd</sup> child:  Last/Family Name		Male □	Female □
Last/Family Name	First/Given Name(s)		
Date of birth (month/day/year)	City and Country	of birth	
Country of citizenship	_ Country of permanent re	esidence	
For 3 <sup>rd</sup> child:		Male □	Female □
Last/Family Name	First/Given Name(s)		
Date of birth (month/day/year)	City <u>and</u> Country	of birth	
Country of citizenship	Country of permanent re	esidence	

Please see next page for a list of required supporting documents



## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Please read the chart below **CAREFULLY** and upload ALL relevant documents to BOX.

Who?	Current situation	Documents requested
Primary applicant	For all	<ul> <li>Acknowledgement Form signed – see below</li> <li>Current passport biographical page</li> <li>Current CV</li> <li>Proof of health insurance (please refer to the insurance information sheet)</li> <li>If self-funded – most recent bank statement</li> <li>If funded by an agency, home country government, or another outside source – funding letter from the government / institutional sponsor</li> </ul>
	If you are currently <u>in</u> the US – please provide these additional documents	<ul> <li>If you are in J1 status and transferring to UAB – completed International Scholar Transfer Clearance Form</li> <li>Previous immigration documents (I-20s, DS-2019s, I-797 approval notice(s) etc.)</li> <li>Previous visas</li> <li>Most recent I-94</li> </ul>
Dependents (spouse and child(ren) under age 21)	For all	<ul> <li>Current Passport(s) biographical page(s)</li> <li>Marriage certificate / birth certificate(s) / adoption certificate(s) with certified English translation</li> <li>Proof of health insurance</li> </ul>
Only if they will stay with you the entire time in the US	If they are currently <u>in</u> the US – please provide these additional documents	<ul> <li>Previous immigration documents (I-20s, DS-2019s, I-797 approval notice(s) etc.)</li> <li>Previous visas</li> <li>Most recent I-94</li> </ul>



## J-1 Acknowledgement Form

The J-1 Program is designed as an **Exchange Visitor program**, which means that the objective is "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges." J-1 Exchange Visitors are expected to return to their home country at the end of their program to share the knowledge acquired in the US.

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I understand that I have been invited to UAB to perform a <u>specific research program</u> in a <u>specific physical location</u> with a <u>specific supervisor</u>.

I understand that I am not authorized to perform any work during my stay at UAB other than that described in the offer/invitation letter I received from my UAB sponsor.

I understand that I must attend a mandatory international orientation session with ISSS within the first week of my arrival at UAB to learn more about my rights and responsibilities as a J-1 Exchange Visitor.

I understand that if I decide to leave UAB early, transfer to another institution, or change labs within UAB, I must give sufficient notice to my supervisor. I understand that standard professional courtesy in the US is to give my supervisor at least 30 days' notice if I intend to leave or change labs.

I understand that I alone am responsible for:

- a) Complying with all federal laws and regulations, including those of the United States Department of State's Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), which governs my stay in the US:
- b) Maintaining my lawful immigration status by <u>not</u> engaging in inappropriate activities;
- c) Notifying ISSS staff of any changes in my physical lab location, home address, or insurance coverage within 10 calendar days; and
- d) Notifying ISSS staff of any changes in my financial support during my stay at UAB.

I understand that the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama (*i.e.,* UAB), its faculty, staff, agents, and employees—including ISSS staff—*will not* be liable for any difficulties I may experience resulting from my failure to maintain proper lawful immigration status.

**VERIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING.** By signing below, I verify that I have read this document and understand its contents. Since it is my responsibility to maintain lawful immigration status in the United States, I hereby release and hold harmless the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, its faculty, staff, agents, and employees—including ISSS staff—from any claim that could result from my failure to maintain lawful immigration status in the United States.

Signature	Date	
Print Name		