



## **A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM IN WHICH THE EXCHANGE VISITOR IS PARTICIPATING**

The Exchange Visitor Program purpose is to enhance understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational and cultural exchanges. Both the sponsor (FGCU) and the individual participants are required to comply with all Exchange Visitor Program regulations and procedures. The academic colleges and departments who wish to bring a foreign national under this program will be required to follow these procedures in the screening and selection of participants, coordination and approval of their formal invitation through the International Services Office (ISO), the monitoring of the exchange visitor's activities while they are in the US, filing periodic reports and complying with all regulations governing this program.

Florida Gulf Coast University's exchange visitor program will facilitate exchange of knowledge and foster greater cultural understanding between citizens of the US and other nations.

The program will mutually benefit participants through collaborative cultural and educational exchange in academic study, research, sharing of expertise, professional networking, social engagement, and exposure to the host community. Exchange Visitors (and reciprocating US Citizens) will be immersed in their host culture and engaged in their selected academic or educational pursuits with colleagues and peers. On return to the home country, they will further advance the Exchange Visitor Program goals by bringing an increased knowledge, education and cultural understanding back to the home country, to promote a continued sharing of ideas and information between the US and other nations.

### **Potential categories for Exchange Visitors:**

#### **Student**

For foreign students to study at FGCU either degree or non-degree. Students in programs that meet any of the criteria below are eligible to participate :

- The student , or their program, is directly or indirectly financed by the US government, the government of their home country, an international organization of which US is a member (by treaty or statute), or if they are substantially supported by funding from any source other than personal or family funds.
- The student's program is pursuant to an agreement between American and foreign educational institutions or US Government and a foreign government

**Short Term Scholar**

For professor, research scholar or person with similar education or accomplishments who visits the US to lecture, observe, consult, train, or demonstrate special skills at research institutions, museums, libraries, post-secondary accredited educational institutions or similar types of institutions.

- Maximum duration of 6 months.
- Short term scholars may participate in conferences, workshops, seminars, or other events as indicated.
- May sometimes lecture or consult at other institutions (outside of FGCU) if authorized.

**Professor and Research Scholar**

Foreign professors and research scholars engaged in research, teaching, and lecturing with their American colleagues.

- Shall not be candidate for tenure track position
- Some restrictions may apply if participant has previously been in US in J-visa status
- May have option to engage in both research and lecture and short-term consultations with ISO approval.
- Maximum duration 3 years

**Specialist**

Facilitates exchange among experts in scientific institutions, government agencies, museums, corporations, libraries, and similar institutions.

- Experts in a field of specialized knowledge or skill, come to US to observe, consult or demonstrate special skills.
- Maximum duration one year.
- Professors, researchers, short term scholars and alien physicians excluded from this category