



Oldenborg Center for Modern Languages & International Relations
Office for International Students and Scholars (J visa)
350 N College Way, Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711
(909) 621-8018 or

Section D: Program Information

Category	Primary activity at PO (determines eligibility)	Length of Stay & Other Notes
Professor	A foreign national whose primary activity is teaching, lecturing, observing or consulting. Non-tenure-track appointments only. May conduct research if authorized by the sponsor.	Minimum visit 3 weeks; maximum visit 5 years. Includes time spent at another institution in J-1 status.
Research Scholar	A foreign national whose primary activity is conducting research, observing or consulting in connection with a research project under the supervision of a PO faculty member. Non-tenure-track appointments only. May also teach or lecture if authorized by the sponsor.	If EV has completed <i>previous</i> J program as Professor/Research Scholar, EV is subject to 24-month bar (gap) before starting <i>new</i> Professor/Research Scholar J program. If EV was physically present in U.S. <i>in any J category other than Short-Term Scholar</i> for 6 months or more in the 12-month period immediately prior to the intended PO start date, that also triggers 12-month bar (gap).
Short-Term Scholar	A foreign national who is a professor, researcher, or person with similar education or accomplishments whose primary activity is (short-term) lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills. Acceptable activities include participation in conferences, seminars, workshops, study tours, and professional meetings.	No minimum stay required; maximum stay is 6 months. No extension of stay allowed beyond 6 months.
Specialist	A foreign national who is an expert in a specialized field of knowledge or skill whose primary activity is observing, consulting or demonstrating special knowledge or skills. Not intended for those who could otherwise hold Professor, Research Scholar or Short-Term Scholar position.	Minimum stay of 3 weeks required; maximum 12 months. No extension of stay allowed beyond 12 months.
Non-degree Student	A foreign national participating full-time in a non-degree course of study. Must be substantially funded from sources other than personal or family funds. The Oldenborg Language Residents are the most common example of individuals in this category at Pomona College. Cannot matriculate to Student status.	Minimum stay of 3 weeks required; maximum 24 months. No extension of stay allowed beyond 24 months, including extensions for Academic Training. Other limits to length of Academic Training period may

