Determining the J-1 Scholar Category

The purpose of this chart is to assist departments in deciding which J-1 Scholar category to use and which form should be submitted into iTerp. If you have further questions after reviewing this chart, please contact the ISSS Faculty and Scholar Team.

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What is the purpose of the visit?

- Teaching or Research
  - No degree earned
    - what is the applicant’s highest level of education?
      - Bachelor’s**
        - Purpose of the visit is **Research**
          - Short-Term Scholar if the program is less than 6 months or **Research Scholar** if the program is more than 6 months
      - Master’s or PhD*
        - Purpose of the visit is **Teaching**
          - Short Term Scholar if the program is less than 6 months or **Professor*** if the program is more than 6 months
    - Will the applicant be enrolled in a bachelor’s program abroad while at UMD?*
      - Yes
        - Student Intern
          - Short-Term Scholar if the program is less than 6 months or **Research Scholar** if the program is more than 6 months
      - No
        - Not eligible for any J-1 Category

*Must be an accredited academic institution
**Degree programs that are less than 4 years may not be eligible for a J-1 program. Please contact ISSS.
***The Professor and Research Scholar categories are interchangeable.