Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

Exchange Visitor Program (J-visa)
Release 6.0
February 18, 2009
Objectives

This presentation is an overview of the changes in Release 6.0 of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) for Exchange Visitor Program sponsor users, which include the following:

- Addition of the Student Intern category
- Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar functionality
- Changes to the *Transferred Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents* list
- Sanctions, Termination and Revocation of Programs fields
- Get Plug-Ins link
- Updates to Country Lists/Tables
RTI Updates
College/University Student Intern

A new subset of the College/University Student category, Student Intern, is being added to the system. The student intern is a foreign national enrolled in and pursuing a degree at an accredited post-secondary academic institution outside the United States and is participating in a student internship program in the United States that will fulfill the educational objectives for his or her current degree program at his or her home institution.

Note: Use of this category is permitted only by post-secondary accredited academic institutions (colleges and universities).

See 22 CFR 23, College and University Students, for the regulations for college/university student interns.
College/University Student Intern

Post-secondary accredited academic institutions designated for the College/University category will be able to create records for student interns.

When creating an exchange visitor (EV) record, the Student Intern option will be available on the Exchange Visitor Category drop-down list.
College/University Student Intern

When creating a record for a student intern, two new fields will be required:

- **Student Intern Foreign Degree**—The degree the EV is pursuing at an accredited post-secondary academic institution outside the United States.

- **Student Intern Foreign Field of Study**—The field of study the EV is participating in at an accredited post-secondary academic institution that is outside the United States.
College/University Student Intern

The information entered into the two new fields will display on the *Exchange Visitor Information* screen.

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### Exchange Visitor Information

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- Student Intern Foreign Degree: Computer Science
- Student Intern Foreign Field of Study: Computer Animation
- Subject/Field Description: Computer Graphics (ISEM)

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When an EV is in Active status, the new fields will be available for editing. To edit this information, an RO or ARO will click the Subject/Field link on the Edits menu.
After editing the “Student Intern Foreign Degree” and/or “Student Intern Foreign Field of Study”, clicking the Update Subject/Field button will save the changes to SEVIS.
College/University Student Intern Batch Updates

With the addition of the College/University Student Intern category, one new exchange visitor category code is being added to the Program Category Codes lookup table:

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New elements that are being added to the Create-Update EV schema for the EV.SubjectField and EV.Program.EditSubject events are:

- Student Intern Foreign Degree
- Student Intern Foreign Field of Study

See http://ice.gov/sevis/schools/batch.htm for additional information.
Alternate Between Professor & Research Scholar

At the discretion and approval of the RO, professors may freely engage in research, and research scholars may freely engage in teaching and lecturing. Functionality to accommodate this change of activity is being added to SEVIS.

Because these activities are intertwined, such a change of activity is **NOT** considered a change of category.

This change of activity does **NOT**:

1. Require approval by the Department of State
2. Require the issuance of a new Form DS–2019
3. Extend the EV's maximum duration of program participation
The Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar option will be available for a professor or research scholar when:

- The EV’s SEVIS status is Active. (The change in activity must be submitted prior to the EV’s program end date.)
- There are no pending requests for the EV, for example, a request to transfer.
Alternate Between Professor & Research Scholar

The RO or ARO will be able to update the fields, as appropriate, on the Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar screen to reflect the change in activity.

The change in activity will take effect immediately after the Submit button is selected.
How does the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” function work?

There are three scenarios…
**Scenario 1:**

If a university is designated for both the Professor and Research Scholar categories, and the EV will continue his program participation at this institution, the university must use the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” option to switch the EV from the:

- Professor to Research Scholar category
- Research Scholar to Professor category

Upon completion of this change of activity, the university must use the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” option to switch the EV back to the original category.
Alternate Between Professor & Research Scholar

Scenario 2:

If a university is designated for both the Professor and Research Scholar categories, but the EV will conduct research at an entity designated for the Research Scholar only, the following must occur:

1. The university must use the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” option to switch the EV from the Professor to the Research Scholar category.

2. The university must then transfer the EV to the Research Scholar program.

3. The Research Scholar program must validate the EV’s program participation.

4. Upon completion of this change of activity, the EV must be transferred back to the university.

5. The university must validate the EV’s program participation.

6. The university must use the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” option to switch the EV from the Research Scholar category back to the Professor category.
Scenario 3:
If the entity is designated for the Research Scholar category only, and the EV will teach/lecture at a university, the university must be designated for both the Professor and Research Scholar categories. The following must occur:

1. The Research Scholar program must transfer the EV to the university.
2. The university must validate the EV’s program participation.
3. The university must use the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” option to switch the EV from the Research Scholar to the Professor category.
4. When the EV completes his duties as a professor, the university must use the “Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar” option to switch the EV’s category from Professor to Research Scholar.
5. The university must transfer the EV back to the Research Scholar program.
6. The Research Scholar program must validate the EV’s program participation.
Changes to the Transferred Status List

The title of the *Transferred Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents* list will be renamed: *Transfer In Exchange Visitors and Dependents*.
Changes to the Transferred Status List

Also, when the transfer request is submitted, the names of the EV and his dependents, will immediately display on the *Transfer In Exchange Visitors and Dependents* list. However, the receiving sponsor still will not be able to validate the EV’s program participation until the effective date of transfer.

### Whispering Pines Institute
Program Number: P-1-00468

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Changes to the Transferred Status List

Note: If the status of the receiving sponsor is **NOT** Active on the effective date of transfer listed on the EV's record, the transfer will be cancelled. The RO of the transferring-out program sponsor and the RO of the receiving program sponsor will receive email notification of the cancellation.

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Sanctions, Termination and Revocation of Programs
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SEVIS is being enhanced to include Subpart D, Sanctions (22 CFR 62.50), and Subpart E, Termination and Revocation of Programs (22 CFR 62.60) of the Exchange Visitor Program regulations.

Due to the Sanctions, and Termination and Revocation functionality, several new program statuses are being added to SEVIS.
New Program Statuses

- **Denial Pending**—The sponsor’s redesignation request has been denied by DoS. No new EV records can be created, and records in Draft status cannot be updated or submitted. The program status will change to Denied once there are no EVs in active status.

- **Denied**—The sponsor’s previous status was Denial Pending and DoS has noted that there are no EVs in active status. The sponsor’s officials no longer have SEVIS access to the program’s records.

- **Revocation Pending**—The sponsor’s designation as an Exchange Visitor Program has been revoked by DoS. No new EV records can be created, and records in Draft status cannot be updated or submitted. The program status will change to Revoked once there are no EVs in active status.

- **Revoked**—The sponsor’s previous status was Revocation Pending and DoS has noted that there are no EVs in active status. The sponsor’s officials no longer have SEVIS access to the program’s records.
New Program Statuses

- **Suspended**—The sponsor’s SEVIS participation as an Exchange Visitor Program has been temporarily suspended. No new EV records can be created, and records in Draft status cannot be accessed.

- **Termination Pending**—The sponsor’s designation as an Exchange Visitor Program has been terminated by DoS. No new EV records can be created, and records in Draft status cannot be updated or submitted. The program status will change to Terminated once there are no more Active EVs.

- **Terminated**—The sponsor’s previous status was Termination Pending and DoS has noted that there are no EVs in active status. The sponsor’s officials no longer have SEVIS access to the program’s records.
Sanctions, Termination and Revocation of Programs

In the event a sanction, termination, or revocation action is taken by the Department of State, the new program status will display on the Program Information screen. The screen also includes fields that may contain additional sanction, termination, or revocation information.
Sanctions, Termination and Revocation of Programs

See the online help or the *User Manual for Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor Users (RO/ARO) of SEVIS Version 6.0, Volume I* for a description of these new fields.

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| Approved Categories: | Research Scholar, Professor, Short-Term Scholar, Student, college/University |

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Additional Updates
Get-Plug-Ins Link

The **Get Adobe Reader** link on the navigation bar of SEVIS screens is being replaced by the **Get Plug-Ins** link.

When clicked, the **SEVIS Plug-Ins** screen will display.
The SEVIS Plug-Ins screen contains links to download the Adobe Reader and Adobe Flash Player. Adobe Reader is used to print forms, and Adobe Flash Player is required for viewing the tutorials.
Batch and Country Code Table Updates

Per a National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 10-4 Change Notice, the Country of Birth, Country of Citizenship, Country of Legal Permanent Residence, and Passport Issuing Country codes lookup tables are being updated as follows:

- Two new countries are being added:
  - KV: Kosovo
  - RI: Serbia

- One country code is being removed:
  - RB: Serbia
Summary

The following updates that are being implemented in release 6.0 have been addressed in this presentation:

- Addition of the Student Intern category for post-secondary accredited academic institutions with the College/University Student designation
- Alternate Between Professor and Research Scholar functionality
- Changes to the *Transferred Status Exchange Visitors and Dependents* list
- Addition of Sanctions, Termination and Revocation of Programs fields on the *Program Information* screen
- Addition of the Get Plug-Ins link on the navigation bar
- Updates to Country Lists/Tables
User Manuals and Online Help

The user manuals and online help will be updated to reflect the changes addressed in this presentation. The user manuals will be posted to the Exchange Visitor Program web site when Release 6.0 goes into production.

http://exchanges.state.gov/jexchanges/sevis.html
Questions?

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