

Dear BSU colleague and prospective visiting scholar,

Thank you for your interest in the exchange visitor program. Bridgewater State University places great value on international partnerships and we are honored that you have selected us to be your program sponsor. In order to begin the process, we request that you take a few moments to read this application packet in its entirety. This packet includes information about requirements for participation, a checklist of required documents, an application form, and a sample letter for the English proficiency requirement to be completed by the host faculty. We have also included helpful websites where applicable.

Please note the academic department is responsible for initiating the offer to the visiting scholar, providing clarity and information on the participation agreement (teaching/research), creating and communicating the offer letter to the visitor and to BSU parties (ISSS, Human Resources), and for supporting the sign-in process

**Health Insurance:**

U.S. Department of State regulations require **all J-1 Exchange Visitors and their accompanying J-2 dependents** to have health insurance coverage

regarding the international scholar house is available at: <https://www.bridgew.edu/office/international-student-scholar-services/international-scholar-house>

If the International Scholar House is unavailable the host department and the international visitor will be responsible for identifying alternative housing. To assist you in the search please visit the off-campus housing database at: <https://www.places4students.com/Places/School?SchoolID=XlqYAjftgVE%3d>

This database is not operated by ISSS and is provided for information purposes only. International visitors are



Clothing, Laundry \$600

Summer Living Expenses \$2,500

Miscellaneous \$700

Note: Financial documentation will need to be shown for each J-2 dependent the scholar wishes to bring. J-2 dependent financial information will need cover and additional \$7,500 for each dependent.

Exchange visitor financial information may be prorated for a shorter program. Rent and utilities are excluded if space is reserved in the International Scholar House. Financial documentation will need to be shown for each.

**Please note:** The program start date will coincide with the appropriate BSU semester or session



**Exchange Visitor Information and BSU Approvals**

Title of BSU Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Exact nature of activity to be engaged in (please attach appointment letter from BSU hosting department):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Appointment: Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please utilize semester start and end dates which can be found at:







**International Scholar House:**  
**BSU Housing for Visiting Scholars and Guests**

The International Scholar House is a small fully furnished, four bedroom, self-5(i6r)8vBT1.00000912 0 612 792 reW\*