# VISITING RESEARCHERS

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# Agenda

- Policy
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- Visas
- Financial Support

#### **Definition**

- Visiting Researchers are invited to Stanford to work under the supervision of a Stanford faculty member on mutually beneficial projects.
- They must have a conferred Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent) but
  - ♦ have not yet obtained a Ph.D.
  - ◆ are not recognized experts in their fields.
  - "... a limited number of instances ..." (RPH 9.7)

# Categories

#### Visiting Researchers are:

- Graduate students from other universities
- Individuals on laboratory rotations as part of a larger research study
- Corporate employees (e.g., associated with Industrial Affiliate programs)

# Policy established in 1996

#### Visiting Researchers:

- Are registered at Stanford in the following category:

  NON-MATRICULATED GRADUATE STUDENT 
  VISITING RESEARCHER
- Are charged "Permit for Services Only" tuition
- May not enroll in classes
- Are appointed for between 1 4 quarters, with a second year possible only on request

# Permit for Services Only

PSO Tuition = TGR Tuition

In 2005-06 = \$2610 per quarter

In 2006-07 = \$2760 per quarter



# Other required fees

- Health insurance
  - ◆ Will be enrolled in Cardinal Care unless waived with evidence of alternative coverage
  - $\bullet$  Cardinal care for 05-06 = \$597 per quarter 06-07 = \$656 per quarter

## Visiting Researcher Benefits

- Official affiliation with Stanford University
  - ◆ Stanford ID card and EmplID number
- Stanford computer account
- Library privileges
- Use of recreational facilities
- Access to Vaden Health Center
- Graduate student housing, if available after matriculated students are housed.

# Visiting Researchers

Eligibility, Approval, and Term Activation

# Eligibility Requirements

- Obtained Equivalent to a Bachelor's
- Has not obtained a Ph.D
- Falls into one of the three categories:
  - ◆ Matriculated Graduated student elsewhere
  - Lab Rotation required for a Fellowship or Grant
  - Corporate employees associated with Industrial Affiliate programs

#### Graduate Students Elsewhere

- 1. Completed Bio-Demographic Form
- 2. A Letter of Invite
- 3. Transcripts of Current Graduate Work
- 4. Proof of Undergraduate Degree Conferral
  - Transcripts with Posted Degree Conferral
  - Letter of Degree Certification
  - Copy of Diploma

# Bio-Demographic Form

- Please use updated version (https://www.stanford.edu/dept/registrar/pdf/VRdemographicform.pdf)
- Degree must be in the original language
- Bottom section must be filled out by the contact administrator

#### Letter of Invite

- Indicates start/finish dates & the tuition rate
- Visiting Researcher is charged for the full quarter in which he/she is activated and deactivated.
  - ◆ Refer to the Academic Calendar for the first day of classes
- Must be signed by BOTH Chair and Supporting Faculty Member

# Proof of Enrollment & Degree Conferral

- Copies of transcripts indicating
   current enrollment in a graduate-level program
- Copies of transcripts indicating undergraduate degree conferral OR copy of diploma OR a degree certification

#### Not a Graduate Student

- Completed Bio-Demographic Form
- Letter of Invite
- Undergraduate Transcripts with Degree Conferral OR Copy of Diploma OR Degree Certification
- Documented Outline of Research Intentions and the Research Project (Copy of Fellowship Grant, Letter from the Sponsoring Faculty Member, etc...)

### Fax, Walk, or Mail

- Fax
  - ◆ 5-7248 Attn: Shelly Spratt
- Walk
  - ◆ Serra St. Modulars, next to Encina Hall
- Mail
  - ◆MC: 6032 Attn: Shelly Spratt
- 5-7 Business Days
- I will fax back Bio-Demo form with my signature and the Student ID number



# Visas for International Visiting Researchers

#### Visas

- Visas are needed in order to enter the US and engage in research or study
- J-1 Visa in the "Student, Non-Degree" Category is the only appropriate visa for Visiting Researchers
- B-1/B-2 Business/Tourist Visas
- Visa Waivers
- Consequences



# How to Apply for a J-1 Visa

- Approved Bio/Demo from the Registrar's Office
- 2. Submit online request for DS-2019 form
- 3. Once form is created, send form to VR
- 4. VR will make an appointment with local consulate and obtain J-1 visa stamp in passport.

# How to Submit DS-2019 Request

- Go to <a href="https://www.stanford.edu/dept/icenter/iap66form/instructions.html">https://www.stanford.edu/dept/icenter/iap66form/instructions.html</a>
- Read the information at the top of the page and then scroll to the bottom
- At the bottom, click on the "For all other J-1 visa requests please click **HERE**" link



#### Notes

- PTA is required
  - ◆ \$125 fee is a Stanford internal fee going to the general fund
- Name should be spelled as it reads in the passport
- Dates cannot be earlier or later than quarter dates in
   PS
  - ◆ May enter 30 days before start date
- Funding must meet or exceed \$3000 per month
- Significant funding must be from non-personal source

# Visiting Researchers

**GFS** 

# Paying Visiting Researchers

There is no university requirement to fund Visiting Researchers.

- NOT eligible for assistantship appointments
- Stipend, tuition and insurance payments are allowed from unrestricted funds (no University fellowships) --> Use GFS
- May be employed on an hourly basis

# Using GFS to support a Visiting Researcher

- Must be TERM-ACTIVATED by the Registrar as a Visiting Researcher
- Must be AID-YEAR-ACTIVATED by the department
  - ⇒ USE "NM" as the TAL CATEGORY
  - → Home department = "Research"
- Use aid entry panels for <u>Fellowship Stipend</u>
   or <u>Fellowship Tuition</u>

#### Aid-Year Activation



# Visiting Researcher URLs

- Research Policy Handbook, RPH 9.7-Procedures for Registering Visiting Researchers
  <a href="http://www.stanford.edu/dept/DoR/rph/9-7.html">http://www.stanford.edu/dept/DoR/rph/9-7.html</a>
- Registration Procedures Non-Degree Seeking Students (Stanford access only)

  <a href="http://www.stanford.edu/dept/registrar/staff/visiting\_researchers.htm">http://www.stanford.edu/dept/registrar/staff/visiting\_researchers.htm</a>
- Entering GFS Aid for Visiting Researchers
  <a href="http://www.stanford.edu/services/peoplesoft/student\_admin\_jobaids.html">http://www.stanford.edu/services/peoplesoft/student\_admin\_jobaids.html</a>

# Visiting Researcher Contacts

- Term Activation, Eligibility Requirements, and Initiating the Visiting Researcher Process:
  - ♦ Shelly Spratt, Student Services Manager, Office of the University Registrar
    - Phone: 723-4552
    - Email: <u>sspratt@stanford.edu</u>
- Obtaining a Visa
  - ◆ Brian Groves, Foreign Student Assistant, Bechtel International Center
    - Phone: 725-5053
    - Email: <u>brian.groves@stanford.edu</u>
- GFS and Policies:
  - ◆ <u>Ann George</u>, Assistant Dean of Research/Graduate Policy
    - Phone: 723-9721
    - Email: <u>anngeo@stanford.edu</u>

# Questions



# Thanks for Coming!

- Turn in note cards to Forum representatives
- Please fill out Evaluation Form
  - Drop in baskets at front of room
  - ◆ Mail to: IRCA Team, MC: 2226

