



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

MINIMUM FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR J-1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

Please see the Minimum Funding Requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors chart below to determine minimum financial support required to host an Exchange Visitor (EV) and his/her dependents. These funds may come from Western Michigan University, an organization, or the individual may be supported by his or her own resources.

Minimum Funding Requirements for J-1 Exchange Visitors

	Academic Year (8 months)	Calendar Year (12 months)
Room and Board	\$6,850	\$10,275
Health Insurance	\$1,000 and up	\$1,500 and up
Miscellaneous*	\$4,090	\$6,150
TOTAL	\$11,940	\$17,925

An additional \$3,000 per each spouse or child will be required if the scholar plans to bring his/her dependents. **For a J-1 stay of less than an academic year, please prorate based on the 12-month funding requirements.** The EV must also be prepared to meet increasing costs due to inflation and other fluctuating economic conditions on a continuing basis.

If the EV is not a salaried employee at WMU, International Services and Student Affairs (ISSA) needs to make sure that he/she has enough funding to cover the entire period of stay.

For example, if the EV will be at WMU for four years, he/she should provide proof of funding for \$71,700 (= 4 x \$17,925, which is the minimum funding requirement for 12 months) plus funding for dependents if any.

If the EV is funded by an organization, the funding promise letter from the organization should list the entire funding required or the annual funding, in addition to the length of its financial sponsorship for the EV.

For example, the letter could list \$71,700 for all four years as in the previous case; or it could state \$17,925 per year.

If the funding is not adequate, ISSA will issue Form DS-2019 for the period which could be covered by the funding available at the time of DS-2019 issuance. Then, the EV can later apply for an extension with a new financial document that is less than six months old.

For more information, please contact the Immigration and Policy Research Officer in ISSA.