# J-1 Exchange Visitor Program

Departmental Instructions for Requesting International Scholars









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## INTRODUCTION

These instructions are meant to guide your department through the process of electronically requesting a DS-2019 for a J-1 Exchange Visitor through our online system, iNorthTX.

This guide will assist you in:

- Gaining departmental access to iNorthTX
- How to log in to iNorthTX
- Completing a DS-2019 request for an Exchange Visitor

Please note that for the purposes of this guide and the electronic forms process, the term Exchange Visitor is referencing scholars. The Exchange Visitor Program allows international faculty, post-doctoral researchers, scientists, and other professionals to spend time at UNT participating in activities including research, lecturing, observing, consulting, and teaching. Exchange visitors can be invited for a period of 1 day to 6 months for Short-Term Scholars and 3 weeks to 5 years for Research Scholars/Professors. Please note that J-1 visas are not an appropriate fit for permanent or tenure-track positions.

Please use the links to our website for more detailed information including all of your departmental responsibilities, information you need from an Exchange Visitor and a sample invitation letter:

- J-1 Exchange Visitor Requirements and Restrictions
- Departmental Responsibilities

NOTE: If you are NOT viewing this guide electronically to use the links within it, you can access the above information on our website directly by typing the URL below into any web browser:

https://international.unt.edu/content/departments-faculty-and-staff



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## INITIAL USER ACCESS SETUP

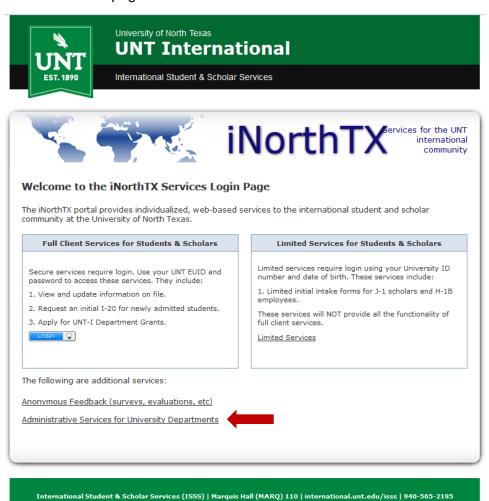
## **Accessing iNorthTX**



## INTERNET BROWSER RECOMMENDATION

MOST USERS HAVE BEST SUCCESS WITH MOZILLA FIREFOX OR GOOGLE CHROME.

If you click the iNorthTX logo above or go to iNorthTX.unt.edu and click the iNorthTX logo, you will be taken to the webpage below:



NOTE: Once you click the iNorthTX logo and are taken to the webpage that is showing on the left, make a bookmark in your browser to easily come back to the main Login page for iNorthTX.

Click Administrative Services for University Departments near the bottom of the webpage.



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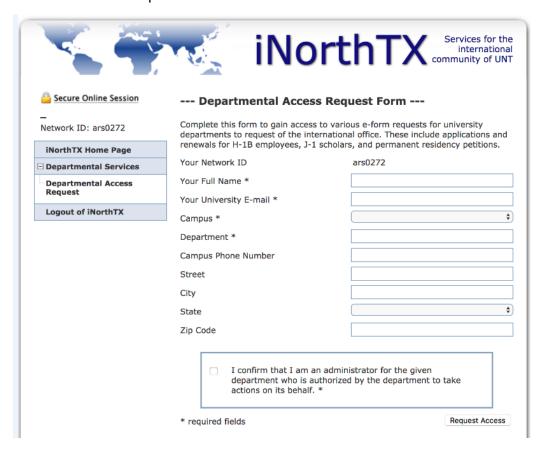


You will be presented with a UNT System login page. Enter your EUID and password that you use for EIS and MyUNT and click Login.



## **Requesting Departmental Access to iNorthTX**

If you have not been granted access, a Departmental Access Request Form will appear when you log in. Your EUID or Network ID will already be filled in from you logging into the system. Complete the form including the confirmation checkbox and click Request Access. You will be notified via email once your departmental access has been reviewed and approved. You only have to request access once for a departmental user.





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If you already have departmental access, or once your request has been approved, the next time you log in you will be presented with your Administrative and Departmental Services Overview.



## **Troubleshooting Browser Issues**

Since iNorthTX is web-based, many times internet browser cache can cause issues with the way information is displayed or even if it is displayed at all. You may need to clear your browser cache if you experience issues and instructions can be found by clicking the links below:

Mozilla Firefox Instructions for Clearing Cache

Chrome Instructions for Clearing Cache



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## **COMPLETING A DS-2019 ELECTRONIC REQUEST**

## **Departmental Services Overview and Menu**

Once you have been granted access, this menu will allow you to navigate to other areas of departmental services. The menu options are explained below.



#### **Department Services Overview**

• This is your iNorthTX home screen. The menu on the left contains links for navigation. The right side of the overview screen shows your current and past cases. You may click on an individual case to access the E-Forms and information for that exchange visitor.

#### Add New Person:

• This form is used to create a record for a NEW exchange visitor that has never had a profile in EIS with a UNT ID number. This is the first step before requesting a DS-2019.

#### **Update Your Information**

You can update your own user information here.

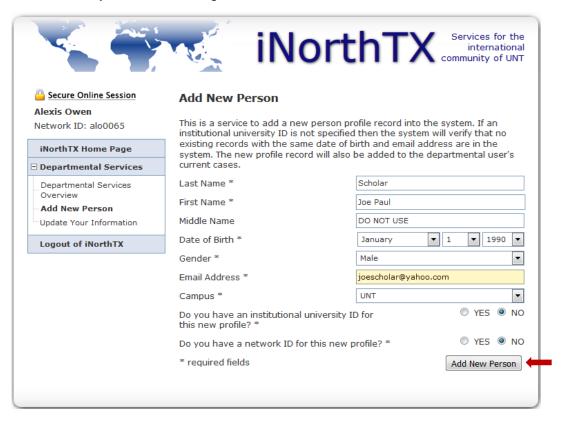


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#### **Add New Person**

This option is only used for a NEW exchange visitor to add them to iNorthTX. This will be your first step in completing the process for a new exchange visitor. If you believe the exchange visitor has previously worked with UNT, please email <a href="mailto:iinfo@unt.edu">iinfo@unt.edu</a> and a J-1 advisor will verify the exchange visitor's information is already in the system and give you further instructions. Otherwise, proceed with the steps below to add your new exchange visitor:



- 1. Complete each demographic field. DO NOT USE the Middle Name field. In order to match SEVIS, please type First and Middle names in the First Name field separated by a space.
- 2. Since you are adding a new J-1 Exchange Visitor, you should answer NO for the two questions regarding institutional university ID and network ID.
  - NOTE: If the exchange visitor has been to UNT previously and already has a UNT 8-digit ID number and/or an EUID, **STOP** this process and email <u>jinfo@unt.edu</u>. A J-1 Advisor will verify that the exchange visitor's information is already in the system and give you further instructions. If you are unsure if the Exchange Visitor has previously been to UNT, email <u>jinfo@unt.edu</u> as duplicate records could delay the processing of the DS-2019.
- Click Add New Person.
- 4. You will be returned to your overview home screen where you will see the new exchange visitor you added.



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You will see that iNorthTX assigned a temporary ID until the exchange visitor is approved and receives an 8-digit UNT ID number. Once that is done, the exchange visitor will need an EUID. See information about requesting an EUID on our website under <u>Departmental Responsibilities</u>. This process can be done at a later time.



You can now select J-1 Exchange Visitor DS-2019 Request for this exchange visitor. Proceed to the next section.

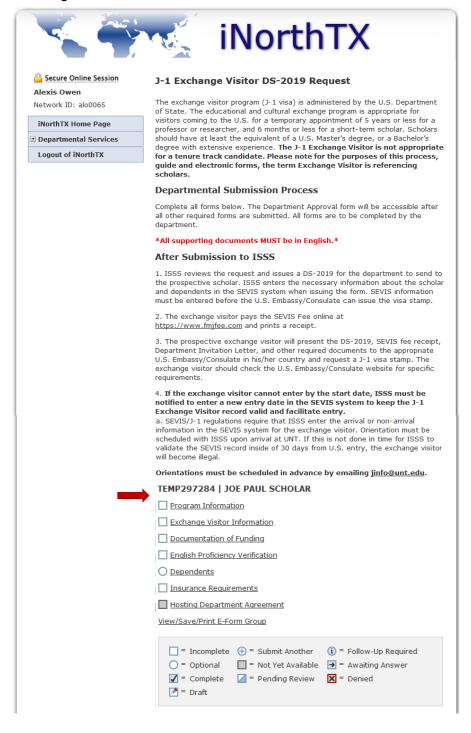


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#### E-Forms

The J-1 Exchange Visitor DS-2019 Request screen will appear for the exchange visitor's record. Instructions and process information are presented first. Lower on the screen you will see your exchange visitor's temporary ID and name along with the list of forms for you to complete for the exchange visitor.





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The E-Forms will be listed for you to complete. Notice the legend at the bottom of the screen that explains status of each form. Note: Forms such as Dependents are optional since some exchange visitors will not have dependents coming to the U.S. View our <u>website</u> for the information you will need from the exchange visitor to complete the DS-2019 request.

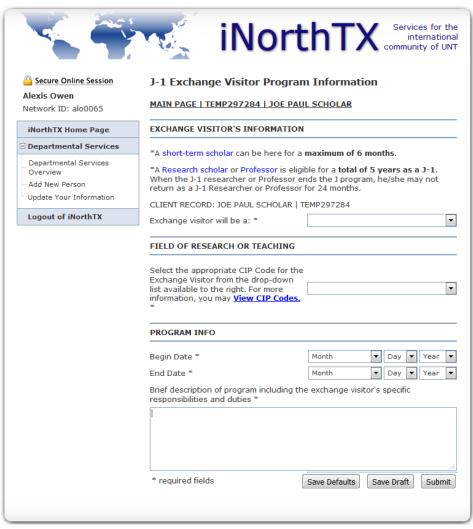
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Hosting Departme	ent Agreement		
View/Save/Print E-Fo	rm Group		
= Incomplete	Submit Another	(i) = Follow-Up Required	
O = Optional	= Not Yet Available	= Awaiting Answer	
Complete	= Pending Review	X = Denied	
Draft			



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## **Program Information**



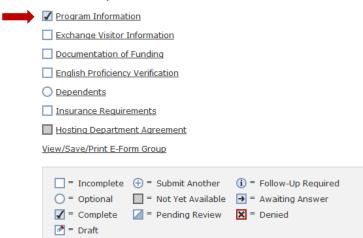
- 1. Select the type of exchange visitor.
- Select the appropriate CIP Code for the Exchange Visitor.

## View CIP Codes.

- Enter the Begin and End Dates for the exchange visitor's program along with a brief description of the exchange visitor's specific responsibilities & duties.
- Click Save Draft if you need to return later to finish the form or Submit if the form is complete.

Once you submit a completed form, the checkbox in the list of E-Forms will be marked with a check. See the legend at the bottom of the E-Form list for all the possible statuses of an E-Form. Continue the process for all additional required E-Forms.

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## **Exchange Visitor Information**

The top portion of the Exchange Visitor Information E-Form will show you demographic data of your exchange visitor.

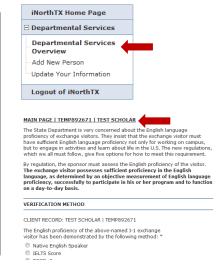


If you need to make any changes to the above information, please email <u>jinfo@unt.edu</u> for assistance.

The lower portion of this e-form will allow you to enter additional information regarding the Exchange Visitor.

#### **NAVIGATION TIPS**

- You can click Departmental Services Overview in the menu on the left of the screen to return to your list of cases.
- To return to the list of e-forms for a particular exchange visitor, you can always click the MAIN PAGE link at the top of each e-form.
- Remember to save the e-form if you want to do so before navigating away from an e-form.





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Country of Birth *	•
Country of Citizenship *	-
Country of Permanent Residence *	-
Email Address *	
PERMANENT HOME COUNTRY ADDR	ESS
Street *	
City *	
State/Province	
Country *	•
Postal Code *	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Position or Occupation *	▼
Level of degree held *	-
Has exchange visitor held J status in t	he past? * O YES NO
Is the exchange visitor currently in the	e U.S. and on a J visa? * O YES O NO
UPLOADS	
UPLOADS  Upload copy of exchange visitor's passport bio page. *	Browse No file selected.

- 1. Complete all fields.
- If you answer YES that the exchange visitor held a J-1 visa in the past, you will be required to upload copies of past DS-2019 forms near the bottom of the screen. (see image below)
- If you answer YES that exchange visitor is currently in the U.S. on a J-1 visa, you will be required to provide details. (see image below)
- Click Save Draft if you need to return later to finish the form or Submit if the form is complete.

If YES is answered that the exchange visitor has held a J-1 visa in the past, you will be prompted to upload previous DS-2019 forms.

**UPLOADS** 

Upload copy of exchange visitor's passport bio page. \*

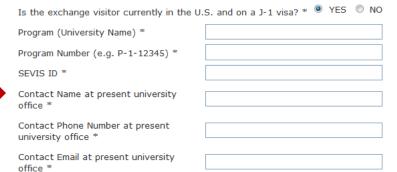
Your File was Successfully Uploaded

Replace Existing Uploaded File

Upload copies of all previous DS-2019 forms \*

Browse... No file selected.

If YES is answered that the exchange visitor is currently in the U.S. and on a J-1 visa, you will be required to enter additional information.

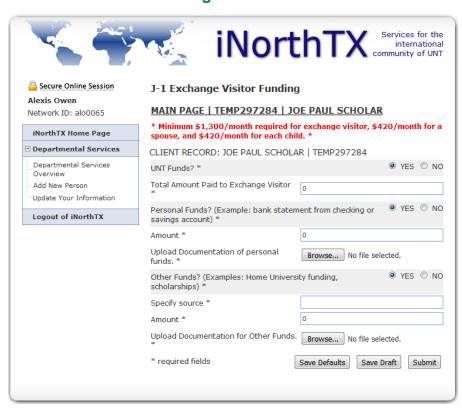




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## **Documentation of Funding**



- UNT Funds: If YES, provide the <u>TOTAL</u> amount paid to exchange visitor during the entire visit period.
- Personal Funds: If YES, provide the amount. Please upload supporting documentation.
- Other Funds: If YES, provide the source and amount. Please upload supporting documentation.
- Click Save Draft if you need to return later to finish the form or Submit if the form is complete.

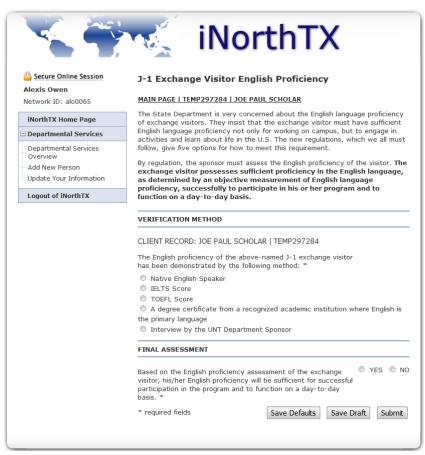
Note: Many questions are conditional, so answering YES or NO may open/close additional fields to be completed.



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## **English Proficiency Verification**



- Verification Method:
   Choose the appropriate method of verifying English proficiency.
- Depending on the method selected, additional questions may appear to be completed (see below).
- Final Assessment: If NO is selected, please provide an explanation.
- 4. Click Save Draft if you need to return later to finish the form or Submit if the form is complete.

Options for providing ELP Verification (questions below will appear based on the option you choose):

## IELTS Score: You will be asked to upload a copy of test results.

VERIFICATION BY TEST	
IELTS Overall score must be 5.5 or hig	her.
Please attach a copy of the test results in English. *	Browse No file selected.

#### TOEFL Score: You will be asked to upload a copy of test results.

VERIFICATION BY TEST

TOEFL Overall score must be 65 or higher (internet based), or 183 or higher (computer based), or 513 or higher (paper based).

Please attach a copy of the test results Browse... No file selected. in English. \*



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You have selected that the exchange visitor has a degree certificate from a recognized academic institution where English is the primary language of instruction or a degree certificate from a U.S. academic institution.

Browse... No file selected.

**VERIFICATION BY DEGREE** 

Upload a copy of the appropriate

documentation such as a certificate,



Degree: Upload a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a certificate, diploma or transcript.

VERIFICATION BY INTERVIEW		
You have selected that English proficience	cy has been verified by an in	nterview.
Please note that all questions must be as transcript and/or recording of the intervied department for at least 3 years.		
Name of Interviewer *		
Title of Interviewer *		
Date of Interview (must have been conducted within last 6 months) *	Month Day	▼ Year ▼
Duration of Interview (Enter # minutes. Minimum 15 minutes) *	0	
Interview Method (telephone, Google+, video Skype, i-Chat, etc.) *		
The J-1 Exchange Visitor understood: $^{st}$		
<ul> <li>With ease virtually everything that w</li> <li>The main points of standard converse academics / visit plans</li> <li>Only everyday expressions and very l</li> </ul>	ation about relevant topics (	
The J-1 exchange visitor was able to exp	oress him/herself: *	
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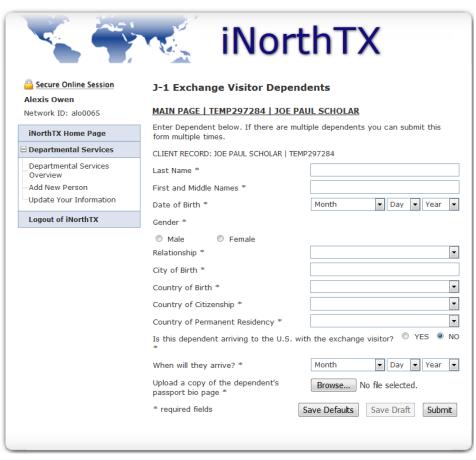


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## **Dependents**

This form is optional only for exchange visitors that will have J-2 dependents accompany them to the U.S.



- Complete all fields about the dependent.
   Dependent's name must match their passport EXACTLY.
- If NO is selected that the dependent will not arrive in the U.S. with the exchange visitor, provide the arrival date of the dependent.
- 3. Click Save Draft if you need to return later to finish the form or Submit if the form is complete.
- Again, this form should only be completed if the exchange visitor has dependents coming to the U.S.

Once you have submitted the first dependent e-form, you will notice it listed in your menu of e-forms along with the ability to add another dependent. Repeat this process for each dependent of the J-1 Exchange Visitor.

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View/Save/Print E-Form Group



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## **Insurance Requirements**

This E-Form provides you with information regarding the insurance requirements. Please ensure that you have notified the exchange visitor of the insurance requirements. You can find the requirements on the ISSS website: <u>Health Insurance for J-1 Visa Holders & J-2 Dependents</u>

Once you review all of the information presented, you must confirm the statement at the bottom of the information and click Submit.

Important Note: Proof of the health insurance is NOT required to issue the DS-2019. Proof of coverage IS required for all exchange visitors (J-1 & J-2) upon arrival of the J-1.

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I confirm that I have notified the exchange visitor of the above insurance requirements, and understand that the exchange visitor and their dependents must maintain the minimum requirements for the duration of their J-1 program.

\* required fields Save Defaults Save Draft Submit



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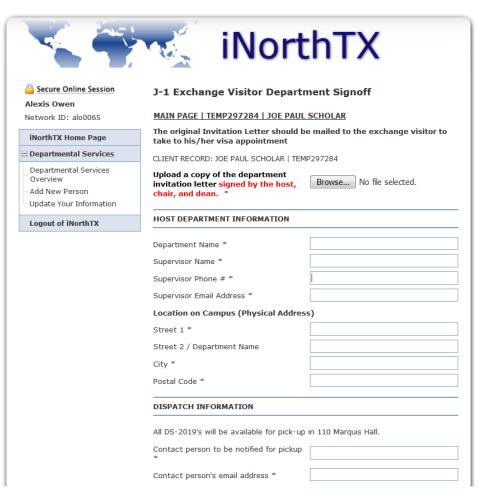
## **Hosting Department Agreement**

This form cannot be completed or submitted until all other prior e-forms have been submitted. If you attempt to access this e-form before the others are submitted, you will receive this message at the top of your screen and the fields will be not editable.

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Once you have completed all the required E-Forms, the Hosting Department Agreement form will become available to complete.



1. Upload a copy of the department invitation letter signed by the host, chair, and dean.

View Sample Invitation Letter

Complete all fields for Host Department and Dispatch Information.

(Form continues on next page)



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#### DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- · Determine department eligibility for exchange visitor.
- · Arrange for space for the exchange visitor, ID card and for library access or other campus necessities.
- · Gather all documentation and upload with request.
- · Ensure exchange visitor is aware of health insurance requirements for
- Mail DS-2019 (with attached documents) and original Department Invitation Letter to exchange visitor.
- · Arrange for pick-up at airport.
- · Assist exchange visitor to find temporary and permanent housing.
- Provide assistance with other settling in matters.
- Assist with obtaining a UNT EUID. All scholars MUST be in UNT's EIS (Enterprise Information System) database and apply for an EUID via the form VPAA-40a found here: <a href="http://vpaa.unt.edu/faculty-resources/forms-and-templates">http://vpaa.unt.edu/faculty-resources/forms-and-templates</a> (housed on the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Faculty Resources site). The scholar can use the EUID to apply for the UNT ID card. On this form there is also a section to enroll the exchange visitor in the UNT Eagle Alert Emergency Notification system.
- Notify jinfo@unt.edu if the EV is not able to enter the U.S. by the begin date on form DS-2019. SEVIS must be updated to reflect a new entry
- Notify <u>jinfo@unt.edu</u> of the arrival of EV and schedule J Orientation.
   MUST attend J Orientation within 5 business days of DS-2019 start date.
- If exchange visitor will be employed by UNT, take exchange visitor to Social Security office to apply for Social Security number
- Complete required employment and insurance forms for Payroll and HR.
- · Apply for extension of DS-2019 if exchange visitor is authorized and needs to extend stay. Extension MUST be issued BEFORE the end date of the current DS-2019.
- · Notify International Student and Scholar Services when exchange visitor
- Immediately notify International Student and Scholar Services of any Exchange Visitor (EV) Reportable Incidents. Example: EV Death, EV Missing, EV Serious Illness, EV Involved in a Crime, Negative Press Involving Sponsor's Exchange Program, etc. If you are unsure what constitutes a Reportable Incident, contact the International Student and Scholar Services office at 940-565-2195.



\* required fields

Save Defaults Save Draft

Submit

- Read the Department Responsibilities and click the checkbox to confirm.
- 4. Click Save Draft if you need to return later to finish the form or Submit if the form is complete.

NOTE: When you submit this final e-form, Hosting Department Agreement, you will notice that the status of the form is marked with \( \begin{aligned} \text{to show that a J-1 Advisor will need to review and approve.} \end{aligned} Disregard this status as it just means that an advisor is being prompted to review your submissions.

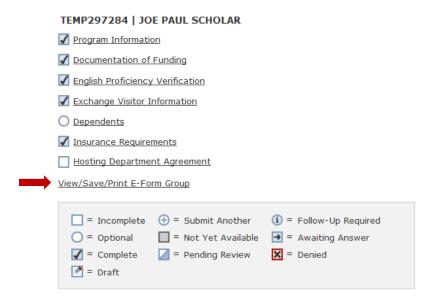


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## **Viewing and Printing E-Forms**

At the bottom of the E-Form list, you can view and print your group of E-forms.



If you click this option, your forms will be presented in a PDF file format that you can view, save, and print for your records.



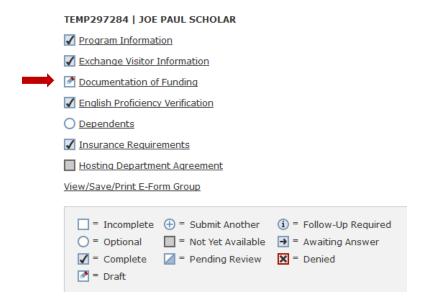
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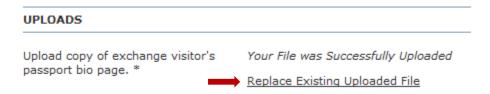
#### Additional Information Needed

If the J-1 advisor has questions or needs additional information regarding an e-form, you will receive an email requesting the additional information or clarification. The advisor will reset the status to Draft for the incomplete e-form(s) that need additional information. When you log into iNorthTX, you will see that an e-form(s) has been marked with the pencil symbol indicating the form is in Draft status. You can then access the e-form containing all the information you previously provided. You can edit any field or upload additional documents and click Submit again to resubmit the e-form.

If you click Cancel, this will cancel your e-form and you will have the option to start a new e-form, but your previous answers will all be erased.



NOTE: If there is a question(s) that required you to upload a file, you will see that your file was successfuly uploaded, so you do not have to reupload. If you need to replace what you uploaded the first time, click the <u>Replace Existing Uploaded File</u>.



Once you make all changes needed based on the email you received, click Submit. This will return you to the main list of e-forms for this exchange visitor and you will see that the e-form you resubmitted is now marked Complete again.





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### After Submission of E-Forms

A J-1 advisor reviews the request and if all required information is present and accurate, the advisor issues a DS-2019 for the department to send to the prospective scholar. As the e-forms you submitted are reviewed, you may receive a notification requesting more information via iNorthTX.

Once the DS-2019 is ready, the department contact you indicated in the e-forms will be emailed to pick up the DS-2019 to mail to the prospective exchange visitor.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional information, please email <a href="mailto:jinfo@unt.edu">jinfo@unt.edu</a>.



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