

PAYMENT OF ACADEMIC HONORARIUM TO BUSINESS VISITORS

In limited circumstances, a foreign Business visitor in B-1/WB status may be eligible to receive honorarium. Under the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA), the Business visitor must meet the following conditions for such payment by NIH:

1. Be inside the U.S.A. in Business (B-1/WB) status (see the Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, to determine status); **AND**
2. Be engaging in academic-type activities, such as attending a scientific conference/meeting; giving a lecture; serve on a review committee; **AND**
3. Such activities last **NO LONGER** than **NINE (9) DAYS** at NIH; **AND**
4. Such activities are conducted for the main benefit of NIH; **AND**
5. The foreign visitor has not accepted payment for honoraria or expenses from more than **FIVE (5)** institutions or organizations over the last **SIX (6)** months; **AND**
6. Such payments must be notified to the IRS by NIH (e.g. on Form 1042-S).

The B-1/WB category does **NOT** permit employment of any kind while in the U.S.A. Therefore, NIH cannot employ a B-1/WB in any intramural or extramural research position, including Visiting Fellow.

To pay honorarium, the Institute/Center (IC) and Business visitor must complete and sign the “Declaration by Institutes/Centers and Business Visitors Engaged in Academic Activities” form.



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