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J-1 Exchange Visitor Insurance Coverage Compliance Exchange Students

U.S. federal regulations require that each visitor holding a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa must have insurance in effect which covers the visitor and any accompanying spouse or dependents for sickness or accident during the visitor's stay in the U.S. In addition, due to requirements in US health law Western Washington University has developed an insurance plan for all international students at WWU, including Direct Exchange students coming from our partner universities. This plan will cover everything necessary in the case of student accident or illness and exceeds requirements for health coverage related to the J-1 student visa.

Therefore, all international students who study at Western Washington University will be required to enroll in the WWU LewerMark insurance plan for international students. All international students will be automatically enrolled in the student insurance each quarter of attendance. Please see the LewerMark website, <http://www.lewermark.com/wwu/> for more information about what the insurance covers.

If students have equivalent health insurance coverage from home, they must complete this J-1 Exchange Visitor Insurance Compliance form to waive out of the WWU insurance plan. Minimum insurance coverage **MUST** include:

- Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000
- Medical evacuation benefits of \$50,000 to the home country
- Deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness
- Spouse and/or dependents of visitor must have same coverage
- Issued by an insurance company that has an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or above, or is backed by the full faith and credit of your home country's government.

I certify that I currently maintain, or I am purchasing before my arrival in the U.S., insurance coverage that (check all boxes that apply):

- Meets the minimum coverage summarized above
- Includes medical evacuation and repatriation insurance. *Note: Some insurance policies do not include medical evacuation and repatriation insurance, so you may have to purchase it separately to supplement your medical insurance.*
- Provides coverage for the entire duration of the J-1 program
- Is issued by an insurance company in my home country that meets the requirements of the regulations

You **MUST** attach a copy of your insurance policy showing in **ENGLISH** that it meets or exceeds the requirements of the U.S. State Department regulations.

I have attached a copy of an English version of my insurance policy to this form

I certify that I have read and understand the information above concerning the U.S. State Department regulations for [J-1 Exchange Visitor programs](#). I am in compliance and have obtained the appropriate insurance coverage for myself and, if applicable, my J-2 dependents as certified above. I understand that if I fail to obtain and maintain adequate insurance, Western Washington University may terminate my participation in its Exchange Visitor program. Such action will result in the loss of my legal immigration status in the United States.

Name of Exchange Visitor (Print)

Signature

Date