

POLICIES FOR FULBRIGHT PARTICIPANTS CONDUCTING RESEARCH OR DEGREE STUDY IN CLINICAL, MEDICAL, OR OTHER FIELDS INVOLVING CONTACT WITH HUMAN OR ANIMAL PATIENTS, SUBJECTS, OR SPECIMENS

The Fulbright Program is not appropriate for students and scholars wishing to pursue programs/projects involving graduate medical education or training at accredited U.S. schools of medicine or some scientific institutions. The Fulbright Program also is not appropriate for unsupervised research or academic study involving direct contact with human or animal patients, subjects, or specimens.

As an exchange visitor in the J-visa category sponsored by the Fulbright Program, please be aware that academic and research activities **must not involve direct clinical patient contact.*** Based on the nature of the project, this can extend beyond the fields of medical and veterinary sciences to any other field that requires direct clinical patient contact, prescribing or administering medication, and/or any direct contact with human or animal patients, subjects or specimens.

The salient points from the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) – 22 CFR Part 62, Sections 20 and 27 – are as follows:

1. The academic program or project in which the exchange visitor will participate is predominantly involved with observation, consultation, teaching or research.
2. Any incidental patient contact involving the exchange visitor will be under the direct supervision of a physician who is a U.S. citizen or resident alien and who is licensed to practice medicine in the state in which the exchange visitor is pursuing the program.
3. The exchange visitor will not be given final responsibility for the diagnosis and/or treatment of patients.
4. Any activities of the exchange visitor will conform fully with the state licensing requirements and regulations for medical, health care, and other professionals in the state in which the exchange visitor is pursuing the program.
5. Any experience gained in this program will not be creditable towards any clinical requirements for medical specialty board certification.

Additional guidelines for researchers:

1. Research may involve human or animal patients, subjects, or specimens ONLY if the Fulbrighter is exclusively observing or analyzing data stemming from experimentation.
2. Any incidental contact with human or animal patients, subjects, or specimens will be under the direct supervision of the faculty advisor or similar professional at the program participant's host institution.

Specific to the Foreign Student Program: Please note that it is not possible for any J-1 visa student to pursue a degree program that leads to licensure, especially in clinical fields, while in the Fulbright Program per FSB Policy 525.3 or under J-1 visa sponsorship. Additionally, J-1 visa students will not be permitted to pursue certification to potentially provide therapy and/or other types of patient

treatment. For students, on-campus work and academic training opportunities toward that end will also not be approved per J-1 visa policy.

***Please note that direct patient contact may include, but is not limited to, contact with the following: human or animal patients, subjects, or specimens (including cell samples); human or animal remains; corpses; cadavers; or carcasses.**