

Division of INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

Request for <u>NEW</u> Post-doctoral Visiting Fellow (VF) or Supplemental Visiting Fellow (SF)

Documents Required:

- Completed NIH Form 829-2 (VF) or 829-7 (SF)
- □ FPS award number and/or FPS Fellowship Request form
- \Box Copy of doctoral degree used to qualify for this award (e.g. M.D., Ph.D.)¹
- \Box If degree earned more than 5 years ago, SD or OIR approval²
- **CV** and Bibliography
- □ 3 letters of reference
- Four point memorandum, if applicable, for incidental patient contact (M.D. only)—required for <u>ALL</u> fellows
- \Box SF Evidence of supplemental funding³
- Copy of passport biographical page for VF/SF **and** each dependent (including passport expiration date)
- □ If currently in the US:
 - Copy of current Form I-94 for VF/SF and dependents
 - Copy of most recent visa for VF/SF and dependents, if available
 - Copy of immigration documents (see below)
 - ¹ Include translation of all foreign language documents
 - ² If the doctoral degree was earned more than 5 years ago and the candidate has less than 5 years of relevant postdoctoral research experience, include Form 829 signed by the Scientific Director (SD). If degree was earned more than 5 years ago and the candidate has more than 5 years of relevant postdoctoral research experience, OIR approval is needed prior to submission to DIS.
 - ³ Include the name of the organization, amount of funding in U.S. Dollars, and duration of funding. The funding letter must be on the organization's letterhead and signed by an individual authorized to confirm the funding. Total funding, including outside source and NIH, should be within the established post-doctoral stipend range.

Note: IC cannot provide a supplement solely to provide health insurance coverage. A stipend must also be authorized.

In addition, include these documents according to immigration status:

J-1 transfer to NIH sponsorship:

- Copy of all Forms DS-2019 (and IAP-66) for J-1 and J-2 dependents
- □ Ensure properly completed Form 829-2 or −7, particularly Block 38 (Form 829-2) or Block 39 (Form 829-7)

J-1 Student:

- Copy of all Forms DS-2019 (and IAP-66) for J-1 and J-2 dependents
- Letter of authorization for academic training from RO/ARO

F-1 Student with OPT:

- Copy of all Forms I-20 (all pages) for F-1
- Current Form I-20 authorized for OPT
- Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

J-2 (Dependents of J-1):

- Copies of all Forms DS-2019 for J-2 and J-1
- Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

Adjustment Applicants (for LPR):

Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

Other nonimmigrant classifications:

Copy of valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) or other USCIS authorization to work

For any nonimmigrant classification not listed, please consult with your DIS Team.

For DIS Processing Times, please refer to <u>http://dis.ors.od.nih.gov/advisories/techadvis_no01.html</u>

For the NIH Intramural Visiting Fellow Program (VFP) Manual Chapter, please refer to <u>http://www1.od.nih.gov/oma/manualchapters/person/2300-320-3/</u>

Send above documents via <u>HAND-CARRY</u> to DIS:

Building 31, Room B2B07 31 Center Drive MSC 2028 Bethesda, MD 20892-2028 Telephone: (301) 496-6166 FAX: (301) 496-0847 http://dis.ors.od.nih.gov/

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Keep copies of **EVERYTHING** you send to DIS

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