WELCOME to the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s J-1 scholar exchange visitor program! The International Faculty and Staff Services office (IFSS) has sent you the following handouts to aide you with maintaining legal Immigration status in both the U.S. and with the UW-Madison. If at any point you have any questions about the Immigration process and/or your responsibilities in maintaining legal immigration status, please contact the IFSS office.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- New DS-2019 Form.
- Information regarding the DS-7002 Form.
- **Mandatory Insurance Requirements (UW-Madison):** Insurance requirements that need to be met. Please note that the mandatory insurance requirements at UW-Madison exceed the Department of State minimum insurance requirements listed in the “Welcome Brochure to the Exchange Visitor Program” section.
- **Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) International Scholars Benefits Summary and Rates:** Health insurance coverage with local service and support information.
- **International Waiver Application (SHIP):** Please make sure that you review the waiver application form carefully before you purchase other insurance. The SHIP office will only approve waivers for insurance which falls under one of the categories detailed on the waiver application form.
- **Welcome Brochure to the Exchange Visitor Program:** This brochure is written by the Department of State (DOS). International Faculty & Staff Services (IFSS) is required to provide this brochure to new J-1 Exchange Visitors. Please consult with IFSS if you have questions regarding this brochure.
- **Initial Expenses:** Suggestions for financial preparations.
- **International Tax Treaties**
- **SEVIS & Scholar Responsibilities:** information pertaining to U.S Government regulations for J-1 Scholars.
- **Exchange Visitor Arrival Deadline**
- **About IFSS:** IFSS staff and contact information.
- **10 Points to Remember When Applying for Nonimmigrant Visa.**
- **Housing:** Some things to keep in mind and start thinking about in terms of your housing needs.