Exchange Visitor Arrival Deadline

The International Faculty and Staff Services office (IFSS), at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is required to report to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) whenever a J-1 scholar does not arrive to the UW-Madison within 30 days of their program start date, as listed on their DS-2019 form. IFSS must terminate your DS-2019 and you would not be eligible for a J-1 visa nor entry into the U.S. in J-1 status. **DO NOT** attempt to enter the U.S. more than 30 days after the start date on the DS-2019; you most likely would be turned away at the border.

If you are unable to arrive to the UW-Madison to start your program within this 30 day window or you have decided not to pursue your J-1 exchange visitor program at the present time, please notify IFSS immediately. We must either notify INS and cancel your request for a J-1 visa with the UW-Madison or issue you a new form with a later start date. This also applies to those who are transferring to UW-Madison from another J-1 program. Failure to notify IFSS of your inability to or decision not to enter the U.S. within 30 days of your program start date could jeopardize your current immigration status as well as your ability to pursue future visa applications.

**Please notify the International Faculty and Staff Services office (IFSS) IMMEDIATELY** if you know that you will not be able to meet the start date, as indicated on your DS-2019 form.

Phone: (608) 265-2257, Fax: (608) 265-6547, e-mail: Ischolars@ohr.wisc.edu
http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/ifss/index.htm