Berkeley Summer Sessions
Visiting Scholar Program

In recognition of our affiliate institutions’ contribution to UC Berkeley’s Summer Sessions, we have created a visiting scholar program for faculty escorting groups of 35 students or more. The visiting scholar program includes:

1. A UC Berkeley identification card (known as Cal 1 Card)
2. Access to the University Libraries (UC Berkeley is one of only 9 repositories for the Library of Congress)
3. Access to University public computers and networks
4. A temporary Berkeley email account (@berkeley.edu)
5. Sponsorship for a J-1 Short Term Visiting Scholar status during the faculty member’s stay, assuming eligibility requirements are met and subject to Department of State approval.
6. Coverage of the $410 DS-2019 fee (not SEVIS fee, which the scholar is responsible for) and the $500 Visiting Scholar Services Fee
7. Access to the Recreational Sports Facility (RSF) for a fee paid directly to RSF
8. Discounted pass for Alameda County Public Transportation (known as Bear Pass)

In order to be eligible, candidates for the Berkeley Summer Sessions Visiting Scholars Program must do the following:

1. Ensure that their institution will have at least 35 participants for the relevant summer.
2. Write a one-page proposal detailing the nature of the research that the faculty member will engage in. This, together with an updated CV, must be submitted to the Dean of Berkeley Summer Sessions for consideration no later than March 6, 2016.
3. Complete a J-Scholar Application Form (to be provided later to approved scholars).
4. Meet eligibility requirements for the J-1 Short Term Visiting Scholar status and comply with Department of State and UC Berkeley health insurance requirements.
5. The US Department of State now requires all J-1 scholars to document an “objective measurement” of English language proficiency. This can be documented one of two ways:
   a. A recognized English language test, with a score at or above the minimum scores for visiting summer students, as listed on our website
   or
   b. Signed documentation from an academic institution or English language school. A template can be found here.
6. At the end of the session, the faculty member must submit a copy or summary of the research conducted or paper written to the Dean of Berkeley Summer Sessions for records.

Institutions are limited to one applicant/participant for every 35 students sent that summer. Housing and living expenses are not included in this program, so the applicant must demonstrate financial support for living expenses for the duration of stay in the U.S.

Participation in the Berkeley Summer Sessions Visiting Scholar Program is not guaranteed and is subject to the approval of the Dean of Berkeley Summer Sessions and to meeting eligibility requirements for the J-1 Short Term Visiting Scholar status. Participants will not be provided with an office, phone or computer.

Questions? Contact the International Affiliates Administrator at affiliates@berkeley.edu