

International Visiting Scholar Fact Sheet

Academic Year 2021-2022



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IMPORTANT DATES		
Nomination and Application Deadline		Academic Semester Calendar
All documents must be submitted		
Fall 2021	May 1, 2021	August 23 – December 15, 2021
Spring 2022	October 1, 2021	January 18 – May 28, 2022

APPLICATION PROCESS	
Nomination Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visiting scholars must be nominated and approved by your home institution. Your home university coordinator will send an email to LSUA informing us of your nomination. 2. Please email the following information to Coordinator of International Programs ncox@lsua.edu: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visiting Scholar's Name, Gender and Birthdate (as appear on the passport) - Visiting period (fall/spring/academic year) - Visiting Program/ Specific concentration 3. Visiting scholars must have adequate command of the English language to participate successfully in the program.

<p>Application Procedures and Required Documents</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The nominated visiting scholars must submit the application through LSUA online system before the application deadline in each semester: https://www.lsua.edu/admissions/getting-started-applying Attached the document require by the Admissions Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scanned copy of passport for scholar and any accompanying dependents A Curriculum vitae (in English) A research proposal A letter of recommendation from scholars who are familiar with your work Proof of Finances Support: A visiting scholar must provide documentation with the application for a sufficient financial resources. A visiting scholar must document the following amounts for housing, meals, books, and personal expenses based on the length of your program: One semester: \$9,000 USD One year: \$18,000 USD <p>Note that the additional minimum funding requirements for issuance of a United States visa for spouse and dependent child are as follows: \$500 per month for spouse; and \$200 per month per dependent child.</p> <p>Documents acceptable as proof of finances showing sufficient funds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal bank statement(s) or other financial documents (e.g. scholarship award letters, loan guarantee, etc.) Letter of support from parent with bank statement(s) showing sufficient funds; or A combination of documents and letters of support that, when added together, show you have sufficient funds.
<p>U.S. Visa</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Form DS-2019 LSUA will process the Form DS-2019 and mail to incoming Visiting Scholars. This document allows applicants to apply for the J-1 Visiting Scholars Visa at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country. To find the address, phone number and business hours of the nearest Consulate or Embassy, please visit the following website: http://www.usembassy.gov/. I-901 SEVIS Fee All International Visiting Scholars must pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee online at www.fmjfee.com prior to applying for a visa. The SEVIS fee is a one-time fee to cover the costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). This fee is separate from visa fees. To learn more about this fee, visit https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901 Visa and Interviews Once this fee has been paid, applicants will then contact their local Consulate or Embassy to apply for the J-1 visa. Usually an interview is required to secure the J-1 visa. For more information on the visa, interviews, and estimated processing times, please click on the following link: https://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/interviews-documents/
<p>CLASS AT LSUA</p>	
<p>Course Selection & Registration</p>	<p>Visiting scholars must complete the course request form to indicate the courses you intend to take or observe during your semester at LSUA. Visiting scholars are able to request changes to their course selection and must notify the Department Chair. Visiting scholars are eligible to enroll in most classes for which they meet applicable prerequisites, as long as the course has not filled to capacity. LSUA catalog and course description can be review at http://lsua.catalog.acalog.com/ Course offering in each semester can be reviewed at https://lsws9.lsua.edu/SelfService/Home.aspx</p>

HOUSING & DINING															
Housing **Fees are subject to change	<p>All international exchange Visiting Scholars are required to live on campus in LSUA housing. Visiting Scholars must complete the online application for housing as soon as being accepted into their exchange program. Visiting Scholars can request a one-bedroom, or two-bedroom apartment depending on room availability. Average on campus housing is about \$3,275 (two bed-room) – \$3,995 (one bed-room) per a semester.</p> <p>Amenities provided for each apartment include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cable TV • High-Speed Internet Access • Water, Sewer, And Trash • Full Kitchen And Appliance Package • High Quality And High Style Furnishings • Electricity Allowance <p>More information about LSUA housing and the application form and process, please go to https://www.lsua.edu/campus-life/housing</p>														
Meal Plan	<p>All Visiting Scholars residing on campus are not required to purchase a meal plan (\$1,625 per a semester). However, Meal-Plan allows Visiting Scholars to eat three-times a day/seven days a week, at any on-campus dining facility for the duration of the semester. More information about meal plan, please go to https://www.dineoncampus.com/lsuadining</p>														
Mandatory Health Insurance	<p>All international Visiting Scholars will automatically be enrolled in LSUA medical health insurance plan and the charge will be appeared on the student account. Visiting Scholars may request a waiver of this charge and provide evidence of purchased an alternative insurance no later than the deadline of each semester. Health insurance cost varies from Fall to Spring. Fall Visiting Scholars are covered for 162 days; spring Visiting Scholars for 203 days.</p>														
LSUA Health Center	<p>Visiting Scholars can receive medical attention for non-life threatening illnesses at the Health Center. For more information about please go to https://www.lsua.edu/campus-life/health-services</p>														
PROGRAM FEE															
<p>Estimate Expenses for One Full Academic Semester (Fall or Spring)</p> <p>Please note: **Fees are subject to change</p>	<p>Tuition and fees charges are waived for visiting scholars who would like to observe the classes. Visiting scholars are responsible for the following cost per a semester;</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- On-Campus Housing (1 bedroom apartment)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3,995</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- Housing application, security deposit and fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$325</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- Meal-Plan (optional)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,625</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- Health Insurance (cost based on age)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000 - \$2,500</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- LSUA Exchange Visitor Program fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">- Living and personal expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000 - \$2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Estimate Total Cost per a semester</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$8,145 - \$11,145</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Other cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Immigration documents and services - International and domestic travel - Application and mailing fee - LSUA Health Center services fee per a visit <p>The additional minimum funding requirements for issuance of a United States visa for spouse and dependent child are as follows: \$500 per month for spouse; and \$200 per month per dependent child</p>	- On-Campus Housing (1 bedroom apartment)	\$3,995	- Housing application, security deposit and fee	\$325	- Meal-Plan (optional)	\$1,625	- Health Insurance (cost based on age)	\$1,000 - \$2,500	- LSUA Exchange Visitor Program fee	\$200	- Living and personal expenses	\$1,000 - \$2,000	Estimate Total Cost per a semester	\$8,145 - \$11,145
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Employment	<p>Exchange Visiting Scholars are allowed to work part-time on-campus up to 20 hours per week while school is in session and no more than 40 hours during official school breaks. Visiting Scholars are NOT allowed to work in the United States without prior authorization.</p>														