# University of Missouri



# Foreign Visitor

# Tax Guide

*For UM departments making payment(s) to international students, faculty, staff and other campus visitors* 

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#### Introduction

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 changed the reporting and withholding rules for institutions making payments to foreign visitors. In 1992, the IRS announced a major compliance effort directed at colleges and universities. In 1994, the IRS created a new division, the Foreign Payments Division, to devote even more attention to this issue.

The IRS has since shifted its focus away from education toward enforcement of the complex rules associated with making payments to nonresident aliens. As a result, universities, including UM, have fine-tuned their withholding and reporting processes. The University has, therefore, taken several steps to ensure compliance with the complex rules associated with payments to nonresident aliens.

- In 1993, the University purchased Windstar Tax Navigator, a software package exclusively designed to assist with assessment of tax liability, tax treaty applications, FICA exemption availability, and other issues related to payments made to nonresident aliens.
- The University has since established Nonresident Alien Tax Specialists on each campus who interact with foreign visitors and hosting departments to facilitate payments to nonresident aliens for a myriad of activities on campus including; honoraria, scholarships, wages, royalties and prizes/awards.

Each campus Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist is dedicated to fulfilling the needs of both the institution and the nonresident alien in terms of issuance of the payment, as well as appropriate withholding and reporting of the income to both the NRA and the IRS. This book is a compilation of instructions and procedures generic to UM to provide easy access for departments when questions arise as to how to make payments to international visitors.

Important Note: Nonresident Alien

Throughout this document, the phrase "nonresident alien" (NRA) is used to indicate tax status unless specified otherwise.

## Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to inform the University public of the rules regarding making payments to foreign visitors to our institution. This guide is intended for use by departmental staff, faculty members, foreign scholars, foreign students, and other University personnel who interact with foreign visitors.

This guide covers only those situations most common to the majority of foreign students, faculty and staff. Questions should be directed to the Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist on your campus.

Please visit the UM System webpage at <u>www.umsystem.edu</u> or check below to locate the Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist on your campus.

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## U.S. TAX RESIDENCY

#### Overview

This section defines the types of taxpaying individuals and the resulting tax rules that must be followed.

The University requires anyone who is not a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident to complete the *Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374)* (see Appendix page 1) or information as otherwise specified by the campus Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist before any payment can be issued. The UM-374 is used in conjunction with the Windstar Tax Navigator application that determines tax residency and FICA and treaty-exemption eligibility. The campus Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist will obtain photocopies of the individual's I-94, passport, U.S. Visa stamp(s), I-20, DS-2019, I-797 and any other related immigration documents, as well as the Social Security card (when available) as part of the tax assessment process discussed later.

**For U.S. tax purposes**, there are two types of individuals for whom the University has different withholding/reporting obligations:

- those who qualify as residents for tax purposes:
  - U.S. Citizens, and
  - Lawful Permanent Residents (a.k.a. Resident Aliens, "Green Card holders," persons with an I-551 stamp in their passport), *and*
  - nonresidents for immigration purposes (i.e. J-1, F-1, H-1B, B-1) who meet the "Substantial Presence Test" (SPT)
- those who are nonresident aliens for tax purposes (as defined below)

Definitions of Nonresident Alien			
<b>Immigration</b> : someone in the US temporarily who has a residence abroad they do not intend to abandon.	VS.	<b>IRS</b> : someone in the US temporarily who has not been present long enough to meet the Substantial Presence Test (SPT)	

It is important to point out that both the Department Homeland Security (DHS) and the Internal Revenue Service offices use the phrase "nonresident alien." However, their definitions are unrelated. When the phrase nonresident alien or abbreviation NRA is used in this document, it refers to the IRS definition listed above unless specified otherwise.

#### Substantial Presence Test (SPT)

This is the means by which the IRS determines when a nonresident alien *for immigration purposes* is a resident or nonresident alien *for tax purposes*. The Substantial Presence Test (SPT) counts the number of days of physical presence. Once an individual has surpassed 182 days of physical presence, counted over a three-year period (including at least 31 days in the current tax year), they become a resident alien for tax purposes.

However, persons in F, J, M, and Q immigration status are "exempt individuals" for a period of time after their arrival in the USA. This "exempt individual" period does not relate to an exemption from taxes, per se, but from counting days of physical presence toward the fulfillment of the SPT. Therefore, an "exempt individual" is not likely to be able to accumulate 183 days of physical presence and will remain a nonresident alien for tax purposes. (See "exempt individual" details below.)

The Substantial Presence Test is confusing and difficult to apply. Fortunately, the University has acquired the Windstar Tax Navigator application to assist in this process. The foreign visitor needs to provide a completed *Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374)* or meet with the Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist for their tax residency to be determined. Even so, a description of the test is important, if only to explain why certain questions on the *Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374)* are critical.

#### Student Exempt Individual

A student must be temporarily present in the U.S. in F or J immigration status.<sup>1</sup> The student is also subject to the following time requirement:

• will not qualify for "exempt individual" status if he was present in the U.S. as an exempt individual during any part of five calendar years since January 1, 1985.<sup>2</sup>

#### Teacher or Trainee Exempt Individual

A teacher or trainee includes anyone temporarily present in the U.S. in J non-student status.<sup>3</sup> The J non-student is also subject to a time requirement:

• will NOT qualify as an "exempt individual" if he was exempt as a teacher, trainee, or student for any part of two of the **previous six** calendar years.<sup>4</sup>

(A J-1 non-student will qualify as an "exempt individual" if he was entirely absent from the U.S. during the previous six calendar years.)

An interesting benefit of being a nonresident alien in F-1, J-1, M, or Q immigration status is a resulting **exemption from Social Security and Medicare withholding,** which is administered by the NRA Tax Specialists on each University campus.

#### **Important Note: Calendar Year**

The IRS uses the calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31) when applying the SPT and/or determining "exempt individual" status for students, teachers or trainees. If the individual is in the U.S. as an exempt individual for any part of a calendar year, that year will count as a full calendar year.

#### Summary

This section discussed how the NRA Tax Specialist determines whether an international visitor is a resident alien or nonresident alien for tax purposes. If the international visitor is a resident alien, he is treated the same as a U.S. citizen for withholding purposes. However, regardless of the visitor's tax status, the University is obligated to get documentation to support the amount of tax, if any, to withhold from payments. The individual is also required to complete the *Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374)* and provide supporting documentation and/or may need to meet with the campus nonresident Alien Tax Specialist during their visit. Contact your NRA Tax Specialist for campus-specific instructions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 26 CFR Part 301 §7701(b)(4)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 26 CFR Part 301 §7701(b)(7)(iii)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 26 CFR Part 301 §7701(b)(3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 26 CFR Part 301 §7701(b)(7)(i)

## U.S. TAXABLE INCOME

#### Overview

This section describes what payments are considered income to a nonresident alien, how the source of income affects U.S. taxes, and what payments may be excluded from income.

#### What payments are income to a nonresident alien?

Most nonresident aliens at the University receive one or more of the following types of income; (1) wages paid to employees, (2) payments made to independent contractors which includes honoraria paid to visiting speakers and lecturers or payments to consultants, (3) scholarship/fellowship payments and (4) prizes and awards.

#### **Source of Income**

All income can be classified by its "source:"

- foreign sourced; or
- U.S. sourced

Foreign sourced income to a nonresident alien individual is not subject to U.S.  $\tan 5^{5}$  U.S. sourced income is potentially subject to U.S.  $\tan$ , depending upon exclusions that may be available to the nonresident alien contained in either the Internal Revenue Code or a tax treaty. Use the chart below to determine the source of income to an NRA.

Type of Income	Location of Payer	Activity Located in U.S.	Activity Located Outside U.S.
Compensation <sup>*</sup>	Inside U.S.	U.S. Sourced	Foreign Sourced
Compensation	Outside U.S.	U.S. Sourced	Foreign Sourced
C-1-1	Inside U.S.	U.S. Sourced	Foreign Sourced
Scholarship/Fellowship <sup>†</sup>	Outside U.S.	Foreign Sourced	Foreign Sourced
Drize / Arrord	Outside U.S.	Foreign Sourced	Foreign Sourced
Prize / Award	Inside U.S.	U.S. Sourced	U.S. Sourced

\* Compensation includes payments to an independent contractor or wages to an employee

<sup>†</sup> Scholarships and fellowships include only non-service payments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 26 CFR Part 1 §1.872-1

#### **Exclusions from Income**

U.S. source income to a nonresident alien is potentially subject to U.S. tax. Certain types of income may not be subject to tax if there is an exclusion provision contained in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). One such provision is the exclusion for "qualified scholarships" under Section 117 of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### IRC Section 117 Excludes Qualified Scholarship from Income

To be excluded from income, the payment must be a "qualified scholarship" received by a "candidate for a degree" for the purpose of studying or conducting research at an educational organization.

#### Definition of "Qualified Scholarship"

Any bona fide scholarship amount applied directly to:

- Educational fees required for enrollment or attendance at the University
- Other fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction at the University.<sup>6</sup>

Definition of "Non-Qualified Scholarship"

Scholarship payments provided for expenses such as room, board, non-business travel, research -- and equipment and other expenses not required for enrollment or attendance at the University -- are considered nonqualified scholarships and may be subject to tax.<sup>7</sup>

• Scholarship income, that would ordinarily be "qualified," paid directly to the recipient converts to a "nonqualified scholarship" that may be subject to tax.

Definition of a "Candidate for a Degree"

A full- or part-time student pursuing studies at the University is considered a candidate for a degree. It is not necessary for the student to be enrolled in a degree-seeking program.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Business Travel**

Reimbursements for travel to a nonresident alien are not subject to withholding when made under an "accountable plan."<sup>9</sup> This plan requires amounts paid to an individual to meet all three of the following conditions: (1) there is a business connection for the expenses; (2) the expenses are substantiated; and (3) travel advances are returned to the employer. The University's expense reimbursement policy meets the requirements of an accountable plan. Reimbursement of expenses to nonresident aliens will not be made except for conditions set forth in the Business Policy Manual that are consistent with the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA) as described in Section 6 and on page 11 of the Appendix.

<sup>6 26</sup> CFR §117(b) and §1441(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 26 CFR §1.25A-5(c)(3)(ii)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> IRS Publication 970, Chapter 1, page 4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Code Sec. 62(a)(2)(A)

#### Summary

This section discussed:

- What payments are income to the nonresident alien;
- How the "source" of the income determines U.S. taxabilty of the payment; and
- Whether income is excluded from U.S. tax because of provisions contained in the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

## DETERMINING THE TYPE OF INCOME

Once a payment has been determined to represent income to an individual who is not a U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident, the sponsoring department must categorize the type of income to be paid. The type of income determines how to process the payment.

There are four types of income typically paid by the University to nonresident aliens:

- wages/salary payments to employees;
- honoraria paid to visiting speakers and lecturers or payments to consultants;
- scholarship/fellowship payments made to students, scholars, and trainees;
- prizes and awards

#### Wages/Salary Payments to Employees

Anyone who performs services is an employee if you, as an employer, can control what will be done and how it will be done. (A scholarship/grant will be treated as wages to an employee if the payment is based on past, present, or future services.) Often, an individual may claim to be an independent contractor, but after reviewing the University's Employee/Independent Contractor Classification Checklists (see Appendix pages 7-10), may be found to be an employee. Procedures for making payments to nonresident alien employees are discussed in Section 7.

#### **Independent Contractor Payments**

A nonresident alien independent contractor may be a foreign scholar invited by a University department to come to the U.S. to speak at a conference, present a paper, or perform some similar function for an honorarium or a consultant with work authorization (see *Common Non-Immigrant Visa Types with General Employment Rules* Table on page 13 of the Appendix).

- An independent contractor is an individual who does not have an employer-employee relationship with the University as determined by the University's Employee/Independent Contractor Classification Checklists (see Appendix pages 7-10.)
- The University considers an honorarium to be a "token" payment that is considered gratuitous rather than "fair market value."
- A consultant is an independent contractor who is paid "fair market value" for the services
  performed, often requiring a contract. Most nonresident aliens are <u>not eligible</u> for payment as
  consultants due to immigration restrictions. If in doubt about whether or not a nonresident alien is
  eligible for payment as a consultant, contact your campus NRA Tax Specialist for clarification <u>prior</u>
  to entering into the consulting agreement.

Procedures for making payments to nonresident alien independent contractors are discussed in Section 6.

#### Scholarship/Fellowship Payments Made to Students, Scholars, and Trainees

A "scholarship/fellowship" is a payment *toward a future activity* (i.e. the following semester) that is not related to the performance of services. These payments may be on behalf of a student (undergraduate or graduate) or a

researcher. In the case of a student, academic and enrollment requirements may be appropriate components for a scholarship payment.

Payments that do not strictly meet this definition will not qualify as a "scholarship" or "fellowship." Depending on the circumstances, such payments may instead be treated as compensation for services rendered (wages).

If a scholarship requires services to be rendered as a condition of receiving the income, then it must be paid as compensation to an employee or as independent contractor income through the Payroll/Personnel System and is subject to withholding of taxes, (see Section 8).

#### **Prizes and/or Awards**

A prize or award is defined by the IRS as a payment *resulting from a previous activity*, like designing a logo or entering a contest. A prize or award must not be confused with a "scholarship," which is defined above. A prize may be cash or a perquisite (payment "in kind" like a gift certificate).

Prizes and awards are seldom exempt from the required 30% withholding, even if the nonresident recipient has never been present in the USA. The IRS defines all prizes and awards as US-sourced income and, therefore, subject to the 30% nonresident alien withholding unless a tax treaty exemption applies. (See Source Income Table on page 4 in Section 2)

#### Summary

In this section, the sponsoring department has categorized the income to the nonresident alien as:

- wage/salary payments to employees;
- payment made to independent contractors for services rendered;
- scholarship/fellowship payments made to students, scholars, and trainees;
- prize / award payment

## TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS (TIN's)

Taxpayer identification numbers (TIN's) issued by the Social Security Administration are called Social Security numbers (SSN's). However, some foreign visitors do not qualify to obtain a an SSN. For those individuals, the Internal Revenue Service will issue an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). The paragraphs below describe procedures the foreign visitor should follow to obtain a taxpayer identification number.

#### How to Obtain a Social Security Number

Social Security numbers are reserved for individuals who are employed in the United States. With few exceptions, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will not issue a an SSN for non-work purposes. An individual may obtain a Social Security number by completing Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, available from the local Social Security Administration Office. Please check with your campus international office for additional documentation that may be required.

In general, the SSA requires a 10-day waiting period between the date of arrival in the USA and the submission of an application for a Social Security Number. Although NRA's <u>may be hired, work, and be paid without a</u> <u>Social security number</u> as long as their authorization for employment is valid, these employees must promptly apply for a Social Security card and show it to the HR/Payroll Office on their campus immediately after its receipt. See HR-105 in the University Human Resources Policy Manual for more information. <u>http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/hr/manual/105.shtml</u>

#### How to Obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) are issued by the Internal Revenue Service to individuals who are not eligible to obtain a an SSN but who must furnish a tax identification number for any number of U.S. tax related reasons. (It should be noted that an ITIN cannot be used for employment.) If an individual has been issued an ITIN and subsequently is issued an SSN, the individual should stop using the ITIN and use the SSN instead. A copy of the SSN should be attached to the ITIN Notice and mailed to the ITIN Unit or local IRS office so records can be updated.

An individual who wishes to apply for an ITIN may do so by completing Form W-7, attaching certified or notarized copies of documents that substantiate the information provided on the application form, and submitting it along with their original income tax return to the ITIN Processing Unit. (A list of acceptable documents can be found in the W-7 instructions.) The ITIN Unit will process the W-7 application, assign an ITIN to the return and send it to the appropriate income tax processing center. (For copy certification Notary Public wording and required written request by document owner, see page 15 of the Appendix.)

There are few exceptions to the requirement to include a U.S. tax return with an ITIN application (W-7). A list of exceptions can be found in the W-7 instructions. If one of the exceptions is claimed, the taxpayer is required to submit the documentation specified in the instructions when submitting Form W-7 to the ITIN Unit. Contact your campus Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist if you are not sure if your foreign visitor is eligible to apply for a an SSN or you have questions regarding how they are to complete Form W-7.

#### Summary

This section described how an individual may apply for a Social Security number. If the individual is not legally permitted to work in the U.S., then the individual may be eligible to apply for an ITIN instead of a an SSN.

Contact your campus NRA Tax Specialist with questions about the ITIN application.

## INCOME TAX TREATIES

#### Overview

The U.S. government has agreements, called tax treaties, with over fifty foreign governments that are designed to avoid double taxation of income. Each income tax treaty is negotiated separately, so the provisions vary from country to country and generally take precedence over U.S. tax laws. The Windstar Tax Navigator application purchased by the University will aid the NRA Tax Specialist in determining if an individual qualifies for a tax treaty exemption and will print appropriate application forms.

Preliminary information about tax treaty eligibility is available on page 18 of the Appendix, as well as later in this Section in the *Chart of Tax Treaty Countries with Exemption Information*. However, the final decision regarding eligibility will be made by the campus NRA Tax Specialist after all the necessary information has been provided by the visitor.

#### How to Determine if an Individual May Qualify for a Tax Treaty Exemption

All NRAs must complete the Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374) or its campus equivalent and submit copies of passport, visa, and current U.S. immigration documents to the campus Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist for a final tax treaty determination.

#### To be eligible for a tax treaty exemption:

- the individual must have been a resident of a tax treaty country (see general list of tax treaty countries on the following page) for at least one year prior to their arrival in the U.S. *and*
- the U.S. activity and/or immigration status must meet treaty criteria, and
- the individual must have SSN or ITIN (or apply during visit to campus), and
- the duration of stay in U.S. must meet treaty criteria, and
- the individual must meet all other treaty requirements as determined by the campus NRA Tax Specialist
  - for example, the individual may not have changed purposes for being in the USA without having resided in the treaty country for at least one year between the change (i.e. from F-1 student to J-1 post-doc, from F-2 spouse to F-1 student, from B-1 visitor to J-1 student)

To claim a tax treaty exemption from withholding:

- the individual must meet all of the above eligibility criteria and
- provide to the campus NRA Tax Specialist the appropriate treaty exemption claim form, completed and signed **prior to the payment being made**

Type of Income	IRS Form
Wages	8233
Scholarship	W-8BEN
Independent Contractor (honorarium)	8233

#### Important Note: Tax Return Treaty Benefit

If a treaty exemption from withholding is not claimed before the end of the tax year, the international visitor may be eligible to claim the tax treaty at the time the appropriate tax return forms are filed the following year.

Reporting of Tax Treaty Exempt Income:

• wage and/or scholarship income that has been exempted from withholding because a tax treaty was applied will be reported on Form 1042-S issued by or before March 15 for the previous tax year

	Treaty Countries with		Information	
Country Name	Student Incom		Teacher/	Independent
	Wages	Scholarship	Researcher	Contractor
Australia	None	None	None	Unlimited
Austria	None	None	None	Unlimited
Bangladesh	\$8,000	Unlimited <sup>11</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Barbados	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	same as USA <sup>12</sup>	None	Unlimited
Belgium	\$9,000	None	Unlimited	None
Canada <sup>13</sup>	<\$10,000	None	<\$10,000	<\$10,000
China, People's Republic of	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
CIS (USSR/NIS) <sup>14</sup>	None	<\$10,000 <sup>15</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Cyprus	\$2,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Czech Republic	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Denmark	None	None	None	Unlimited
Egypt	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Estonia	\$5,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Finland	None	None	None	Unlimited
France	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Germany	\$9,000 <sup>16</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Greece	None	None	Unlimited	Unlimited
Hungary	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Iceland	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
India	52,000 Standard deduction	None	Unlimited <sup>17</sup>	Unlimited
Indonesia	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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Ireland	None	None	None	Unlimited
Israel	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited <sup>18</sup>	Unlimited
Italy	None	None	Unlimited	Unlimited
Jamaica	same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Japan	None	None	Unlimited	None
Kazakhstan	None	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Korea, Republic of South	\$2,000	Unlimited	unlimited <sup>18</sup>	Unlimited
Latvia	\$5,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Lithuania	\$5,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Luxembourg	none	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Mexico	None	None	None	Unlimited
Morocco	\$2,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Netherlands	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited <sup>17</sup>	Unlimited
New Zealand	None	None	None	Unlimited
Norway	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Pakistan	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Philippines	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Poland	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Portugal	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Romania	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Russia	None	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Slovak Republic	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Slovenia	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
South Africa	None	None	None	Unlimited
Spain	\$5,000-standard deduction	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Sri Lanka	None	None	None	Unlimited
Sweden	None	None	None	Unlimited
Switzerland	None	None	None	Unlimited
Thailand	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Trinidad and Tobago	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Tunisia	\$2,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Turkey	None	None	None	Unlimited
Ukraine	None	unlimited	None	Unlimited
United Kingdom	None	None	Unlimited <sup>17</sup>	Unlimited
Venezuela	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	unlimited

List of Tax Treaty Countries with Income Limit Information<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Listing of a country does not assure there will be a treaty exemption for the current or proposed activity or that the NRA visitor will fulfill the required terms of eligibility for benefits. These will be determined during the tax assessment process. <sup>11</sup> IRS Publication 901 documents limiting this exemption only for "trainees" and not for students

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Allows residents of the treaty country to choose to be treated as a resident for tax purposes from the date of their arrival in the USA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Treaty available for any immigration status as long as payee is tax resident of Canada and income is <\$10,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Former U.S.S.R. treaty applies to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Combines qualified (§117) and non-qualified scholarship income, then limits total benefits to \$9,999.99

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Germany student wage income treaty article limits stay to four years from date of arrival. Overstay eliminates benefits retroactively

 $<sup>^{17}</sup>$  Requires stay in U.S. to be < 2 years or treaty benefits are lost retroactively to day of arrival.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Prevents treaty benefits if anticipated stay at time of U.S. arrival is more than 2 years, but does not eliminate benefits if teacher/researcher extends beyond an original period of < 2 years.

### COMPENSATION FOR INDEPENDENT PERSONAL SERVICES

#### Overview

The purpose of this section is to provide assistance for determining if the type of payment to be made meets IRS requirements for compensation for independent personal services and the individual who provides this service to the University is eligible for such payments.

#### How to make payments to nonresident alien independent contractors

1. Will the service activity of the individual be performed within the U.S.? YES: Go to #2

NO: Contact your campus Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist for instructions to get the payment made.

2. At the time the activity occurs, will the individual be in an immigration status that permits him/her to receive compensation for independent personal services or reimbursement/direct payment of travel expenses? (Refer to the ACWIA rules on page 11 of the Appendix and refer to page 13 of the Appendix for immigration status information.) YES: Go to #3

NO: Terminate agreement immediately -- it is invalid. The University may be subject to severe penalties if funds are provided to a nonresident alien who is not authorized by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to participate in the activity that generated those funds.

- 3. The international visitor must provide either a completed *Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374)* or similar information according to instructions from the campus NRA Tax Specialist. In addition, the visitor must provide copies of required documents (U.S. visa stamp in passport, unexpired foreign passport, I-94, and Social Security card, if available).
- Does the individual possess an U.S. taxpayer identification number (either an SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number [ITIN])?
   YES: Proceed with payment documentation according to campus NRA Tax Specialist instructions (i.e. submission of UM-376A, UM-140, UM-378).

NO: Absence of an SSN or ITIN (or pending application through the campus NRA Tax Specialist) will require a 30% withholding. The payment may be "grossed up" to provide the amount originally promised by multiplying original amount by 1.428572.

#### COMPENSATION TO EMPLOYEES

#### Overview

Generally, wages/salary payments to nonresident alien employees are subject to the same graduated withholding tax rates as for U.S. citizens. However, there are special rules for how a nonresident alien for tax purposes must complete Form W-4. The special rules may be reviewed with the employee during an appointment with the Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist. For example, a nonresident alien cannot write "Exempt" on the Form W-4.

Important Note: Missing SSN

Nonresident alien employees may be hired, work and be paid without having a Social Security number. See HR-105 in the Human Resources Policy Manual for more information. http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/departments/hr/manual/105.shtml

#### How to make wage/salary payments to nonresident alien employees

- 1. Is the employment activity located within the U.S.?
  - YES: The compensation is U.S. sourced income. The employee must complete the *Tax Assessment Intake Form (Form UM-374)* or provide similar information, *along with copies* of the Form I-94, U.S. Visa, and Forms I-20, DS-2019 or I-797. (If the campus NRA Tax Specialist requires appointments, the NRA should bring original documents for photocopy.) Complete remaining "new hire" paperwork for payment to be made through the PeopleSoft HR System.
- 3. Does the employee have a Social Security number?
  - YES: Complete "new hire" paperwork as usual

- NO: The compensation is foreign sourced and is not subject to U.S. tax. Ask Accounting to create a non-1099 vendor to pay the invoice through the A/P System. It is important to clearly indicate on the Voucher that this payment represents `foreign sourced income to a nonresident alien.' Do not mark the Voucher as a taxable payment. The University is required to neither report nor withhold taxes from foreign sourced income to nonresident aliens.
- NO: Complete "new hire" paperwork as usual, leaving SSN fields blank
- 4. There are two provisions for FICA withholding exemptions from wages paid by the University.

"**Student**" exemption as described in HR policy 222, administered by hiring departments. See Student Employee FICA Checklist on page 14 of the Appendix. "NRA" exemption administered by campus NRA Taxation Specialists. Employees exempted under this statute will have a future FICA expire date in the UM Specific panel of the PeopleSoft HR job data panels. This exemption is available for both student and non-student employees.

- 5. Is the FICA Expire field in the UM Specific panel of the Job Data panels blank?
  - YES: Refer the employee to campus NRA Tax Specialist

NO: Go to #4

- 6. Is the FICA Expire date in the past?
  - YES: Treat employee the same as a U.S. citizen and administer the FICA Checklist

NO: FICA Expire date into the future means no change to the exemption should be made. The employee remains exempt until that date has passed regardless of enrollment status.

- 7. Is an On-Line Check Request (UM-140) being submitted with the "new hire" paperwork for an employee whose paperwork will not be entered in time for the first paycheck?
  - YES: Put a note with the paperwork to notify NRA Tax Specialist so check can be cut after appropriate exemptions are entered and notify new employee to contact NRA Tax Specialist according to campus-specific instructions.
- 8. Changes to People Soft Paygroups may occur after the "new hire" package is processed.
  - Non-student employees and those from Canada or former U.S.S.R. countries (known as the Commonwealth of Independent States or CIS) may be changed from MON to M18 or M17 and from BIW to B18 or B17 to provide tax treaty exemptions from withholding.
  - Similarly, once tax treaty benefits end, the persons earn code may be changed back to MON or BIW.
  - The Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist will attempt to notify departments when these changes occur.
  - Students with tax treaty benefits require no change in paygroup except those from Canada or CIS countries.
  - See Appendix page 12 for UM Payroll Earnings Types for Nonresident Aliens.

### SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

#### **Important Note: Scholarships/Fellowships**

The term "fellowship" may vary among campuses. More important than what the payment is called is whether services are required as a condition for receiving the payment. Therefore the section presumes that the terms scholarship and fellowship are the same to the IRS.

Sections 2 and 3 of this guide explained that the "qualified" portion of scholarships/fellowships can be excluded from taxable income. Amounts received in excess of "qualified" expenses are considered "non-qualified" scholarships/fellowships and subject to taxes. Income tax treaties may exempt "non-qualified" (taxable) scholarships/fellowships from tax.

#### Who May Qualify for a Lower Withholding Rate of 14%

IRC Section 1441(b) provides that for scholarship/fellowship payments made to nonresident aliens who meet the following criteria, the statutory 30% withholding rate is reduced to 14%. To qualify for the 14% withholding rate:

- the grantee must be a nonresident alien in the U.S. in F, J, M, or Q immigration status;
- the grantee must be a "candidate for a degree" as described in Section 2; and
- the payment must be a true scholarship/fellowship

#### How to make Non-qualified Scholarship/Fellowship Payments

1. Is the payee required to perform services in the U.S. to receive this scholarship?

YES: The payee is considered an employee of the NO: Go to #2. University. follow routine "new hire" processes in Section 7. END.

2. Are the funds for the scholarship from sources outside the U.S. and designated to a specific recipient?

YES: Income may not taxable or reportable in NO: The scholarship is U.S. sourced. Go to the U.S. Go to #4. #3.

- 3. The individual must complete the *Tax Assessment Intake Form (UM-374)* and/or follow the intake procedures according to the campus NRA Tax Specialist. Copies of Form I-94, Passport, U.S. visa, and Forms I-20, DS-2019 or I-797, when appropriate, must accompany the UM-374 or otherwise be provided in accordance with campus NRA Tax Specialist procedures. Go to #4.
- 4. Contact the Nonresident Alien Tax Specialist to determine which of the mechanisms of payment listed below is most appropriate on your campus and what documentation is required for the means of payment.
  - **CASHIERS**: Payment goes through Financial Aids Office and appears as a credit on the student account. (Most common means of making scholarship payments for students.)
  - **PAYROLL**: For non-student scholarship payments and limited student payments of housing stipends (i.e. off-campus athletic housing scholarship).

## **APPENDIX** University of Missouri Foreign Visitor Tax Guide

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#### Foreign Visitor Tax Assessment Intake Form -- University of Missouri

This form must be completed before you can receive any form of payment. All applicable questions below must be answered. The completed form must be presented with your passport and immigration documents at the time of appointment.

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PERSO	<u>NAL / PASSPOR</u>	<b>I</b> INFORMATION
Last or Family Name:	First:	Middle:
Date of Birth (month/day/year)://	E-mail address:	
Social Security # (Individual Taxpayer ID # if no S	S#):	Student # (if a UM student):
Country of citizenship:	Country that is:	sued passport:
Passport #	Passport Expira	tion Date (month/day/year)://
Visa # (red number in lower right corner of stamp in	passport):	

ADDRESSES		
U.S. Local Street Address:	Foreign (home) Residence Address (should not be P.O. Box)	

	CURRENT IMMIGRATION	STATUS	
[] U.S. Immigrant/Permanent Resident [] F-1 Student [] H-1B Temporary Worker			
[] J-2 Dependent	[] Other:		
[] J-1 Exchange VisitorIF J-1 Exchange V	sitor, what category?		
[] Student [] Research Scholar [	] Short Term Scholar [] Ali	en Physician [] Other:	
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[] Studying in a degree program	[] Observing	[] Demonstrating special skills	
[] Studying in a non-degree program	[] Consulting	[] Clinical activities	
[] Teaching	[] Conducting research	[] Temporary employment	
[] Lecturing	[] Training	[] Here with spouse	
What was the start date of your immigrat	ion status for the current act	ivity? / /	
(In many cases, this is the date you entered		month/ day/year	
What is the projected end date of your primary activity?			
If you are a student, at what level do you st	<b>day</b> ? [] Undergraduate [] Ma	sters []Doctoral []Other:	
<b>Describe the activity that will result in U.S.</b> scholarship, contest prize, etc.)		s, consulting, teaching assistant, food service worker,	
Indicate the amount of U.S. income anticipated during this calendar year.			

What University department will be providing the income? \_\_\_\_

Is your spouse in the U.S.? [] Yes [] No	Is your spouse employed? [] Yes [] No
Do you have dependents in the U.S. you would like t	to claim exemptions for? [] Yes [] No If so, how many?
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What country did you live in before this w	
	[] Yes [] No
Did your tax residency in that country end prior to th	is visit to the U.S.? [] Yes [] No
If and a share?	
If yes, when?/	

TAX EXEMPTIONS INFORMATION

#### **U.S. IMMIGRATION HISTORY**

If the answer to either of the questions below is yes, please complete U.S. Immigration History, Part 2.

Have you ever had another immigration status in the United States?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
Have you ever been present in the United States before this visit?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No

#### **U.S. IMMIGRATION HISTORY, Part 2**

Please list any **F**, **J**, **M**, or **Q** visa immigration activity since January 1, 1985 and all other visa immigration activity only for the past three calendar years.

Date of US Entry	Date of US Exit				
month/day/year	month/day/year	Visa/Immigration Status	J-1 Subtype	Primary Activity	Treaty Benefits?
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Signature:		Loc	al Phone Num	ber:	Date:

#### **Consent and Authorization to Release Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name) hereby authorize the University of Missouri to release information contained on the Tax Assessment Intake Form to Windstar Technologies, Inc., P.O. Box 800 Providence Hwy, Ste 13 Norwood, MA 02062-0800 for the following purpose: technical software support for THE INTERNATIONAL TAX NAVIGATOR SYSTEM.

Signature: \_\_\_\_

Date

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15. Dept. Contact Phone Number Q. 16 20 50 <u>9</u> This form is required for international visitors receiving income from the University who do not already have an employee record in the People When unsure about earnings and income code (#1) for a visitor, contact campus NRA Tax Specialist. (The most common are Scholarship and % usually blank ROY AOI ASC AAA AIC 1. Earnings and income Code for this Income 7. Empl Type 8. Benefit Program DBP Prize / Award (non comp) Independent Contractor 12. EmpliD Date Artist / Athlete Scholarship 11. Social Security Number or ITIN Royalty Date **S** usually blank Initials 6. Pay Group NEA **Total Amount Paid** Less Tax Amount 14. Contact Name Net Pay 17. NRA Taxation Specialist ONLY Non-Emp 5. Emp Class **Personnel Action Form** Name of international visitor For Non-Resident Aliens University of Missouri 4. Job Code 9888 Hand-drawn Check Request Not Employed Contract (if needed) 10. Payee Name (Last, First, Middle) 8233 / W-8BEN Signature NRA 18. Department / School Authorization: 3. Reason ITIN Application sent to INS 13. Full Name of UM Department Independent Contractor.) 16. Department Comments Soft Payroll system. **INS Copies** UM 378 UM 374 9. Effective Date HIR 2. Action

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\*\* The requestor further certifies that the above individual has rendered service as required for the period given and has earned the gross amounts as indicated.

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#### Nonresident Alien Honoraria/Business Expense Supporting Statement University of Missouri

Supporting Statement for Honoraria and/or Reasonable, Business Expenses Provided to a Nonresident Alien Admitted to U.S. with B-1, B-2, WB, or WT Immigration Status.

**Purpose of this form:** The Omnibus Appropriations Act of 1998 allows payment of honoraria and associated incidental expenses, under limited circumstances, to individuals admitted to the U.S. under section 101(a)(15)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The University of Missouri must obtain certain information from an individual admitted to the U.S. with a B-1, B-2, WB, or WT immigration status before payment can be made.

**Instructions for honoraria payments:** An individual admitted to the U.S. with a B-1, B-2, WB, or WT immigration status must complete and attach this form to the On-line Check Request (UM-140) submitted to the campus nonresident alien (NRA) tax specialist. Payment of honoraria may be subject to a federal tax withholding rate of 30% and requires completion of additional forms. Contact your campus nonresident alien tax specialist for more information.

**Instructions for reimbursement of reasonable business expenses:** An individual admitted to the U.S. with a B-2 or WT immigration status must complete and attach this form to the University of Missouri Travel Expense Voucher (UM 11).

Payee's Name (please print or type)	Payee's US Social Security Number or ITIN

Check all that apply:

- □ I was engaged in academic activities at the University of Missouri.
- $\Box$  These academic activities were not more than nine days in duration.
- $\Box$  I have not accepted an honorarium or expense reimbursement from more than five institutions within the previous six months.

# I certify that the information contained on this form is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and complete.

Payee's Signature	Date
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Instructions for Accounting Office. Review this form and the Travel Expense Voucher (UM 11) to determine that payment to the payee adheres to University policies. Indicate your approval on the Travel Expense Voucher. Process reimbursement of travel and incidental expenses in under the accountable plan in accounts payable. Do not process honorarium payments in the accounts payable office. Instead, refer those to the campus NRA tax specialist.

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#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CLASSIFICATION DOCUMENTATION

The information provided below will assist the University in determining whether the individual performing the services will be classified for federal, state and FICA tax purposes as an employee or independent contractor. The checklist should be completed by a University representative knowledgeable about the services to be rendered and responsible for hiring or retaining the individual Complete Sections I, II and III (if necessary). If the individual performing services is classified as independent contractor, a copy of this completed checklist should be attached to the payment voucher(s). In addition, please see MU Business Policy & Procedure Manual Section 1:060 for additional requirements regarding contracts for services. If the individual is to be paid as an employee, follow the procedures for the hiring of a new employee.

I.	(Individual's Name)	 (Social Secu	ity Number)	(Account Nu	mber)	
	Department:	Form Prepa	(Name)	<u>/ /</u> (Date)	(Phone	No.)
	Residency status for tax purposes (check one):	U.S. Citizen	Resident Alien ()	Non-resident A		nam - normaniar
П.	Multiple Relationships with the University				YE	
	<ul> <li>A. Does this individual currently perform similar of B. Is it currently expected that the University will termination of his or her independent contracto</li> <li>C. During the 12 months prior to the date on which have an official University appointment (inclu)</li> <li>D. Does the University pay as employees others we have a support of the second second</li></ul>	hire this individual as r services? h the independent con ding temporary) and p	an employee immediate tractor services commen- rovide the same or simil	ced, did the individ ar services?	~	a tana ana ana tana amin'ny
	this individual? E. Does the individual only provide services to the public as part of a trade or business?	University of Missou	ri and not offer their ser	alle all service	<b>L</b>	) ()
	If the answer is "No" to all questions, proceed to the If the answer is "Yes" to any of the five questions, to process.	e questions in Section he individual should l	111. De classified as an employ	vee and paid via th	ne normal appo	intment
III.	Classification Guidelines (Complete only one of II	I.A., III.B., or III.C. o	epending on the services	performed by the	individual.)	
	A. Teacher/Lecturer/Instructor				YES	NO
	1. Is the individual a "guest lecturer" (e.g. an in	ndividual who lectures	at only a few class sessi		O Treat as an	O Go to 2.
	2. Is the individual teaching a course for which	students will NOT re	ceive credit toward a Un		ind. contractor	$\cap$
	If the answer to both questions A.1. and A.2. is "YE If the answer to either of questions A.1 and A.2. is	S," then treat the indi	vidual as an independent		0	U
	3. In performing instructional duties, will the inselected by the individual?	ndividual primarily us	e course materials that ar		Treat as an ind. contractor	Treat as an employee
Ш.	B. Researcher					
×.	Researchers hired to perform services for a Univers is hired to perform research for a particular Univers by placing a check mark in the appropriate blank:	sity department are pro- sity professor or emplo	esumed to be employees byee, please indicate whi	of the University. ch of the following	If, however, th g relationships	e researcher is applicable
	Relationship #1 - The individual will perform resea whereby the University professor will be working under the profess	or employee serves i	rofessor or employee und a supervisory capacity	ler an arrangement (i.e., the individua	#1 <b>•</b>	Treat as an employee
	Relationship #2 - The individual will serve in an ad employee (i.e., the individual wil a "collaboration between equals"	visory or consulting c l be working "with" th	apacity with a University e University professor of	v professor or r employee in	#2 O <sub>i</sub>	Treat as an ndependent contractor
III.	C. Individuals Not Covered Under Sections III.A.	or III.B.			YES	NO
	<ol> <li>Will the department provide the individual v work rather than rely on the individual's exp</li> </ol>	with specific instruction pertise?	ns regarding performanc	e of the required	O Treat as an employee	Go to 2.
	<ol><li>Will the University set the number of hours as opposed to allowing the individual to set</li></ol>	and/or days of the we own work schedule?	ek that the individual is r	equired to work	Treat as an employee	Treat as an independent contractor
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## INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT REQUEST

ł.	Individual's Name:		
	Individual's residency status for immigration purposes (check one): C U.S. Citizen C Lawful Permanent Resident C Non-Residet (NRA) * Funding: C Non Grant C Sponsored Project/Grant If grant-funded, name of project and project number:	y for the	
	Department: E. Department Contact:		
	WORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY A NON U.S. CITIZEN (non-resident alien)	GRAMMAN NO	
	Answer this question if the individual who will complete this work is a non-resident alien		
	(see Section I, Question B, above):	Yes	N
	<ul> <li>Will the individual be completing ALL the required work outside the United States?</li> <li>If the answer is "No" continue to Section III of this document.</li> </ul>	Г	Г
	<ul> <li>If the answer is "Yes", skip sections III &amp; IV and continue to Section V of this document.</li> </ul>		
	MULTIPLE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNIVERSITY		
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	Does this individual currently perform similar work for the University (any campus, UM system or hospital) as an employee?	Yes	No
ł	Is it currently expected that the University will hire this individual as an employee immediately following the termination of the an		 
			Γ.
	During the 12 months prior to the date on which the independent contractor/consultant services will commence, did the individual have an official University appointment (including temporary) providing same or similar services?	<u>Γ</u> ;	
	Does the University pay as employees others who perform essentially the same duties that are to be performed by this individual	Г	Γ.
	Does the individual only provide services to the University of Missouri and not offer his/her services to the general public as part of general public as part of a trade or business?	Г	
	if the answer is "No" to ALL questions IV A - E, continue to section IV of this document If the answer is "Yes" to ANY question: <u>STOP</u> This individual would be classified as an employee. Contact Human Resources to begin the hire process. Completion of this Request is not necessary.		
	LASSIFICATION GUIDELINES		
C	omplete section A, B or C depending on the type of services performed by the individual.		
	EACHER / LECTURER / INSTRUCTOR	Yes	No
1)	Will the individual lecture at only a few class sessions and have no influence in assigning a grade or	165	140
2)	certifying the completion of a course?	Las	П
4)	Will the individual teach a course that is neither a degree prerequisite for students nor provides credit for a University degree?		
3)	Does or could the individual provide the same or similar services to other entities or to the general public as part of his/her trade or business?	Γ	Γ
	<ul> <li>If the answer to EVERY question in Section IV-A (1-3) is "Yes", continue to Sections V and VI of this document.</li> <li>If the answer to ANY question in Section is "No", then complete IV-A-4 (the next question).</li> </ul>		
4)	In performing instructional duties, will the individual primarily use course material or textbooks that are created, selected or provided by the individual or will the individual determine the course content or instructional sequence?	Γ	<b>آ</b>
	<ul> <li>If the answer to question 4 is "Yes", then complete sections V and VI of this document.</li> <li>If the answer to question 4 is "No": <u>STOP</u> This individual would be classified as an employee. Contact Human Resources to begin the hire process. Completion of this Request is not necessary.</li> </ul>		

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<ul> <li>Select the</li> </ul>	e Relationship 1 or 2 based on which description best describes the work being perform	med	
C R H Th C C Re	elationship 1:       The individual will perform research for a University professor or employee under a whereby the University professor or employee determines how the work will be performed and the structure of the stru	n arrangement formed. ocess.	
C. SERVICES NO	T COVERED UNDER SECTION A OR B	Yes	N
required to w	ersity set the number of hours and/or days of the week that the individual is ork as opposed to allowing the individual to set his/her own work schedule?		N L
the general p If the answe	d the individual provide the same or similar services to other entities or to bublic as part of his/her trade or business? or to question IV-C-2 is "Yes", skip the next question (IV-C-3) & complete sections V and VI of this		Γ
<ul> <li>3) Will the University of the required v</li> <li>If the answer</li> </ul>	r to question IV-C-2 is "No", go on to the next question (IV-C-3). ersity provide the individual with specific instructions regarding performance of work rather than rely on the individual's expertise? r to questions IV-C-3 is "Yes": <u>STOP</u>		Г
<ul> <li>If the answer</li> </ul>	ual would be classified as an employee. Contact Human Resources to begin the hire process. of this Request is not necessary. r to question IV-C-3 is "No", please complete sections V and VI of this Request . ITAL & CONTRACT INFORMATION		
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### The American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 (ACWIA)

This act, passed by Congress in October 1998, opened the possibility of honorarium payments to persons other than B-1 business visitors. With the increased opportunity, however, came increased scrutiny related to income received by foreign visitors to university campuses.

ACWIA requires that persons receiving honorarium or reimbursement of business expenses be either authorized for employment or in B-1, B-2, VWB, VWT, or a Canadian who crossed the U.S. border without receiving documentation from the immigration service.

The international visitor must certify that they meet the ACWIA provisions of:

- Participating in bona fide academic activities at the University
- Participating in activities that will not be more than 9 days in duration
  - The visitor may be on campus longer, but the activities for which honorarium or reimbursement of expenses are being paid must meet the provision that their academic activities may not last more than 9 days. (i.e. visitor is in town for three weeks but is giving two lectures for which the honorarium will be provided)
  - The  $\leq 9$  day limitation does not apply to persons in B-1, VWB, or CWB status when their only payment is a reimbursement of travel expenses.

Immigration Status	Description	Honoraria	Reimburse Expenses
B-1	Visitor for Business	If $\leq$ 9 days	No limit
B-2	Visitor for Tourism	If $\leq$ 9 days	If $\leq$ 9 days
VWB	Visa Waiver Business	If $\leq$ 9 days	No limit
VWT	Visa Waiver Tourism	If $\leq$ 9 days	If $\leq$ 9 days
CWB	Canadian Walkover for Business	If $\leq$ 9 days	No limit
CWT	Canadian Walkover for Tourism	If $\leq$ 9 days	If $\leq$ 9 days

#### **Regulatory Citation**

Any alien admitted under section 1101 (a)(15)(B) of this title may accept an honorarium payment and associated incidental expenses for a usual academic activity or activities (lasting not longer than 9 days at any single institution), as defined by the Attorney General in consultation with the Secretary of Education, if such payment is offered by an institution or organization described in subsection (p)(1) of this section and is made for services conducted for the benefit of that institution or entity and if the alien has not accepted such payment or expenses from more than 5 institutions or organizations in the previous 6-month period.

• IRC Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter II, Part II  $\sqrt{1182}$ .

## UM Payroll Earnings Types for Nonresident Aliens

Note: This is not a complete listing of all earnings types used in the Payroll System. The earnings types listed below are specifically used to make payments to nonresident aliens using the Hand Drawn Check System available when the UM-140 is submitted.

Earnings types used to make payments for self-employment compensation

AIC	Alien Independent Contractor	30% tax without treaty
Earnings types use	d to make payments for scholarships / f	ellowships
ASC	Alien Scholarship	14% tax (F,J without treaty)
Earnings types us	ed to make payments for prizes / awa	rds
AOI	Alien Other Income	30% tax without treaty
Earnings types us	ed to make payments for tax treaty-ex	kempt wages
<u>Nonstudents</u> AME	a paid monthly (Income Code M18) Alien Monthly Eighteen	0% with treaty
<u>Nonstudents</u> APE	<u>s paid biweekly (Income Code B18)</u> Alien Bi-weekly Eighteen	0% with treaty

Students paid monthly and biweekly with tax treaties were kept at MON and BIW, respectively, so no changes to paygroups will be necessary for students with tax treaty exemptions.

Visa / Immigration Status Type	Description	Work Authorized	Income Possible?	
B-1	Visitor for Business	No	Travel expenses and/or honorarium allowed if ACWIA rules met	
B-2	Visitor for Tourism	No	Travel expenses and/or honorarium allowed if ACWIA rules met	
F-1	Student	On-Campus	20 hrs/wk when school in session, full-time during vacations. Check with NRA Tax Specialist if special circumstances.	
F-2	Dependent/spouse of F-1	No	No	
H-1B	Professional Worker	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
H-4	Dependent/spouse of H-1B	No	No	
J-1 Scholar	Exchange Visitor	Yes	Only on-campus	
J-1 Student	Exchange Visitor	On-Campus	20 hrs/wk when school in session, full-time during vacations. Check with NRA Tax Specialist if special circumstances.	
J-1 Physician	Exchange Visitor	Yes	Only as assigned	
J-1 Summer Work/Travel	Exchange Visitor	Yes	No restrictions	
J-2	Dependent/spouse of J-1	By DHS only	No restrictions with DHS authorization	
K-1	Fiancée	By DHS only	No restrictions with DHS authorization	
O-1	Extraordinary Ability	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
O-3	Dependent of Extraordinary Ability Worker	No	No	
P-1	Athletes and Entertainment Groups	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
P-2	Exchange Program Performing Artists	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
P-3	Culturally-Unique Entertainers	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
Q-1	International Cultural Exchange	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer (EPCOT)	
R-1	Religious Worker	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
R-2	Dependent/spouse of R-1	No	No	
TN	Trade NAFTA Workers (Canada and Mexico only)	Yes	Only for sponsoring employer	
TD	Dependent/spouse of TN	No	No	
WB	Business Visitor who entered under the Visa Waiver Program	No	Travel expenses and/or honorarium allowed if ACWIA rules met	
WT	Tourist Visitor who entered under the Visa Waiver Program	No	Travel expenses and/or honorarium allowed if ACWIA rules met	
CWB	Canadian Walkover for Business (no visa, sometimes no documentation)	No	Travel expenses and/or honorarium allowed if ACWIA rules met	
CWT	Canadian Walkover for Tourism (no visa, sometimes no documentation)	No	Travel expenses and/or honorarium allowed if ACWIA rules met	

## Visa Type / Immigration Status Chart with Work and Income Eligibility Information<sup>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> All applicants for employment are eligible for reimbursement of expenses, regardless of immigration status.

## University of Missouri Student Employee FICA Checklist

	Fall Semester	Winter Semes	ter	Summer Term					
Navigate in PS HRRPT8.9 to Workforce Administration > Job Information > Job Data >UM Specific tab See the field for FICA exp. date.									
1. Is there a da	te populated in the field for FIC	CA exp. date? 🗌 YES	🗌 NO	If the response is "NO", go	to question 2.				
If the respon	se is "YES", is this date still in	n the future? <b>YES</b>		If the response is "NO", go					
If the response is "YES", the employee is exempt form FICA as a qualifying nonresident alien. Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and date the form below.									
Navigate in PS HRRPT8.9 to Workforce Administration > Job Information > Job Data > Job Information See the field for Regular/Temporary.									
2. Is the employee in a benefits eligible position (Regular at the University of Missouri?) <b>YES NO</b>									
If the response is "NO", go to question 3. If the response is "YES", the employee is subject to FICA. Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and date the form below.									
3. Is the employee enrolled at least half-time in a course of study at the University of Missouri? <b>YES NO</b> If the response is <b>''YES''</b> , go to question 4.									
If the response is "NO", the employee is subject to FICA. (see EXCEPTION). Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and date the									
form bei EXCEPTIO		semester of a course of study red	juiring at least t	wo semesters to complete and i	s enrolled in				
Uncer in	EXCEPTION: Is the student in the last semester of a course of study requiring at least two semesters to complete and is enrolled in the number of credit hours needed to complete the requirements for obtaining a degree or certificate offered by the								
	University of Missouri?	YES							
If the re	sponse is "YES", go to question	on 4. e is subject to FICA. Stop here.	Complete Roy 1	10 sim and date the form belo	147				
If the re	sponse is "NO", the employed	e is subject to FICA. Stop nere.	Complete Box I	o, sign una aute ine joim beio					
4. Is the employee regularly attending classes at the University of Missouri? <b>YES NO</b> If the response is <b>''YES''</b> , go to question 5.									
If the response is "NO", the employee is subject to FICA. Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and date the form below.									
5. Does the employee regularly work 40 or more hours per week for all jobs at the University of Missouri? YES NO If the response is "NO", go to question 6.									
If the response is "YES", the employee is subject to FICA. Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and date the form below.									
6. Is the educational aspect of the employee's relationship with the University of Missouri predominant over the service aspect? <b>YES NO</b> If the response is <b>''YES''</b> , go to question 7.									
If the response is "NO", the employee is subject to FICA. Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and date the form below.									
7. Is the employee required to be licensed in the field in which s/he performs services for the University of Missouri?									
<b>YES</b> If the response is "NO", the employee is exempt from FICA. Stop here. Complete Box 10, sign and									
date the form below.									
If the response to this question is "YES", continue to question 8.									
8. How would you characterize the work performed by the employee? (indicate only one choice):									
Professional (performing work: (1) requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning, (2) requiring the									
consistent exercise of discretion and judgment, and (3) that is predominantly intellectual and varied in character									
Research  Teaching    Clerical      Manual									
Continue to									
Continue to question 9,									
9. If you checked Professional in question 8, then the employee is subject to FICA. If you checked any other box in question 8, then the employee is exempt from FICA. Complete box 10, then sign and date the form below.									
10. After considering the facts and circumstances of this employee's relationship with the University of Missouri this employee (indicate only one choice):									
Is exempt from FICA Is subject to FICA (i.e. employee does not qualify for exemption.)									
Emplid	Employee Signature	Employee Printed Name	Date	Departmental Signature	Date				
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Country Name	Wages	Scholarship	Teacher/ Researcher	Independent Contractor
Avetaalia				
Australia	None	None	None	Unlimited
Austria	None	None Unlimited <sup>21</sup>	None	Unlimited
Bangladesh	\$8,000		Unlimited	Unlimited
Barbados	Same as USA <sup>22</sup>	same as USA <sup>12</sup>	None	Unlimited
Belgium	\$9,000	None	Unlimited	None
Canada <sup>23</sup>	<\$10,000	None	<\$10,000	<\$10,000
China, People's Republic of	\$5,000		Unlimited	Unlimited
CIS (USSR/NIS) <sup>24</sup>	None	<\$10,000 <sup>25</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Cyprus	\$2,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Czech Republic	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Denmark	None	None	None	Unlimited
Egypt	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Estonia	\$5,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Finland	None	None	None	Unlimited
France	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Germany	\$9,000 <sup>26</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Greece	None	None	Unlimited	Unlimited
Hungary	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Iceland	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
India	Standard deduction	None	Unlimited <sup>27</sup>	Unlimited
Indonesia	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Ireland	None	None	None 128	Unlimited
Israel	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited <sup>28</sup>	Unlimited
Italy	None	None	Unlimited	Unlimited
Jamaica	same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Same as USA <sup>12</sup>	Unlimited	Unlimited
Japan	None	None	Unlimited	None
Kazakhstan	None	Unlimited	None 118	Unlimited
Korea, Republic of South	\$2,000	Unlimited	unlimited <sup>18</sup>	Unlimited
Latvia	\$5,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Lithuania	\$5,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Luxembourg	none	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Mexico	None	None	None	Unlimited
Morocco	\$2,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Netherlands	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited <sup>17</sup>	Unlimited
New Zealand	None	None	None	Unlimited
Norway	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Pakistan	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Philippines	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Poland	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Portugal	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Romania	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Russia	None	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Slovak Republic	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Slovenia	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
South Africa	None	None	None	Unlimited
Spain	\$5,000-standard deduction	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Sri Lanka	None	None	None	Unlimited
Sweden	None	None	None	Unlimited
Switzerland	None	None	None	Unlimited
Thailand	\$3,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Trinidad and Tobago	\$2,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Tunisia	\$4,000	Unlimited	None	Unlimited
Turkey	None	None	None	Unlimited
Ukraine	None	unlimited	None	Unlimited
United Kingdom	None	None	Unlimited <sup>17</sup>	Unlimited
Venezuela	\$5,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	unlimited

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Listing of a country does not assure there will be a treaty exemption for the current or proposed activity or that the NRA visitor will fulfill the required terms of eligibility for benefits. These will be determined during the tax assessment process. <sup>21</sup> IBS Publication 901 documents limiting this accemtion only for "trainese" and no

IRS Publication 901 documents limiting this exemption only for "trainees" and not for students

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$  Allows residents of the treaty country to choose to be treated as a resident for tax purposes from the date of their arrival in the USA.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Treaty available for any immigration status as long as payee is tax resident of Canada and income is <\$10,000.</li>
 <sup>24</sup> Former U.S.S.R. treaty applies to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
 <sup>25</sup> Combines qualified (\$117) and non-qualified scholarship income, then limits total benefits to \$9,999.99

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Germany student wage income treaty article limits stay to four years from date of arrival. Overstay eliminates benefits retroactively

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Requires stay in U.S. to be < 2 years or treaty benefits are lost retroactively to day of arrival.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Prevents treaty benefits if anticipated stay at time of U.S. arrival is more than 2 years, but does not eliminate benefits if teacher/researcher extends beyond an original period of < 2 years.