

# United States Pharmacopeia Visiting Scientist Program

## POLICY

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1. The United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) Visiting Scientist Program (VSP) is designed to advance the development of scientists committed to pharmacopoeial work and foster international recognition and harmonization of USP standards. Scientists from the global pharmacopoeial community are invited to apply for participation in the Program to learn USP best practices in the development of public standards that help ensure the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines.
2. Eligible scientists are selected from nominations received from USP collaborators and partners, including other pharmacopoeias, official medicines control laboratories, regulatory agencies, institutes of higher learning and similar organizations. VSP projects include but are not limited to the key areas of USP methods of pharmaceutical analysis, USP standard development procedures, and monograph development and modernization.
3. The length of participation in VSP is up to 12 weeks (approximately 3 months) from the date of a Visiting Scientist's arrival, unless otherwise specified
4. All work in the VSP format is conducted at USP-Rockville
5. VSP participants are supervised and mentored throughout the program by project leaders. The research progress, via monthly reports, is shared with the USP scientific staff and culminates in a final formal presentation to USP scientific staff at the end of the program
6. During Visiting Scientists' (VS) VSP participation, VS remain employed by VS' current employer
7. J-1 visa is required to travel to/from the United States to participate in the program. USP works with *Cultural Vistas* to assist VS in obtaining J-1 visa
8. All VS sponsored by Cultural Vistas are automatically enrolled in medical insurance through Cultural Vistas. VS are covered by *Envisage Global Insurance* from the first to the last day of their work at USP

9. USP pays for:
- Cultural Vistas application fee
  - local temporary housing accommodations
  - bi-weekly stipend of \$500US for 12 weeks of VS' participation. The stipend covers VS' comprehensive living expenses

**Travel to and from the United States is *not* paid for by USP**