

International Research Fellowship
Division of Trauma, Critical Care, Burns and Emergency Surgery
Department of Surgery University of Arizona

After your application is submitted and you having accepted into the program, the following documentation must be submitted to Patricia Barcelo via email at: Sbarcelo@surgery.arizona.edu, the International Research Fellowship Coordinator, no later than 90 days before your fellowship start date. Upon submission of all documentation, you will be mailed an official Letter of Invitation from the Division. The visa portal will be made available to you by Patricia as well, where you be able to provide all your biographical and financial information.

- Bank Statement in USD (must be current within 6 months)
- Scanned, color image of your Passport
- Scanned, color image of your dependent's passport(s), if applicable
- Curriculum Vitae
- Scanned copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (once it is approved by the US Government)

Please be advised that the visa processing fee is has to be payable by you to The University of Arizona. The visa processing fee is \$450.00. The processing fee is non-refundable.

International Fellowship Requirements and Information:

Self-Funding:

The Department of Surgery does not have the funds for reimbursement or stipends. You will need to arrive on your own funding. The amount of funds the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service requires is at least \$1680 per month for yourself, with an additional \$590 per month for each dependent accompanying you, if applicable.

Health Insurance:

Please refer to the following link for all details regarding the mandatory requirements for J-1 Exchange Research Scholars: (<http://www.health.arizona.edu/pdf/internationalinsurance.pdf>)

Warning: Failure to maintain the required insurance will result in termination of your exchange visitor program by The University.

Documentation:

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires that you produce documents that authorize you to be in the United States. On your arrival to the Center, you must present the department original documents to establish (1) true identity and (2) eligibility to be in the United States. The day after your arrival, you must personally check-in with the program coordinator and the International Faculty & Scholars Office at 888 North Euclid Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85721. Please bring your passport, I-94 and health insurance verification with you.

Program Duration:

The Division of Trauma's International Research Fellowship will be one year in duration. You are granted 4 weeks of vacation time. Vacation time must be communicated and worked out with your faculty supervisor prior to leaving.

Research:

The Division of Trauma is committed to research. You will work closely with the division's faculty members and Trauma teams, you will participate in bench and clinical research within the hospital and through national multicenter studies. It is expected that you will actively publish manuscripts under the guidance of the faculty.

Experience:

This Fellowship program, in addition to providing significant research opportunities, will allow you to personally observe the acute care surgery system in the United States. This fellowship will enable you to bring research and systems experience back to your country.