February 6, 2018

Dear Personnel Analysts and ISD Users,

All Departments hosting a J-1 Exchange Visitor (Scholar) must upload a copy of the faculty host’s invitation letter to International Scholar Dossier (ISD), and provide a copy to the scholar for visa purposes. Invitation letters may be short but must contain the following core information:

- The scholar’s proposed J-1 program start and end date (or at least the start date and the expected duration of the visit); the scholar’s position in the case of formal appointments (e.g. postdoc; specialist, project scientist)
- A detailed description (1 paragraph) of the research and/or teaching activities the scholar will engage in at UCSB
- A description of the scholar’s funding situation (please list sources and amounts in US Dollars for UCSB funding, external funding, and/or personal funds used to support the visit)

For clarity, we suggest addressing each of these issues in a separate paragraph. The invitation letter should be signed by the faculty host. Below are examples of efficient invitation letters for J-1 scholars with and without academic appointments. Please remember that complete requests for the DS-2019 should be submitted in ISD between 3 and 6 months before the scholar’s program start date. J-1 Scholar Advisors can be contacted at j1scholar@sa.ucsb.edu

Thank you,

J-1 Scholar Team
THOMAS WEIMBS, PhD
Professor
Department of Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology
And Neuroscience Research Institute

October 30, 2017

Dr. [Name]
Clinical Division of Nephrology, Department of Internal Medicine
Medical University of Graz
Auenbruggerplatz 27, A-8036 Graz, Austria

Dear [Name],

It is my great pleasure to offer you a position as a volunteer affiliate without salary at the Department of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and the Neuroscience Research Institute at the University of California Santa Barbara. This academic appointment will begin as early as January 15, 2018 and continue through the end of June 2018.

As a research affiliate with my group in MDCB and the NRI you will be involved in an important research project to elucidate the molecular mechanisms underlying autosomal-dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD). Specifically, you will investigate the role of micro crystals in determining the rate of progression of ADPKD. For this, you will use rodent models and investigate how poorly soluble compounds that frequently form kidney stones affect the onset of cyst formation in the kidneys of these models. Results from this project are expected to lead to a better understanding of clinical relevant factors that affect severity of ADPKD, and could lead to new therapies.

University policy requires that you be informed of the following: this invitation includes no compensation for travel, salary, housing, subsistence, insurance, medical care, or any other expense by the University of California Santa Barbara. All such expenses will be covered by your personal funds. This offer is contingent upon completion of the required University appointment paperwork. Please bring your government-issued identification (passport) to the NRI administration office (Biology II building, room 6129) to fill out the volunteer paperwork.

I very much look forward to working with you during your forthcoming appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at weimbs@ucsb.edu if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Mr.

Dept. of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Energy Fundamental Design Laboratory
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

July 31, 2017

Dear [Name],

We are pleased to offer you a position in our research group as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate in the Department of Chemical Engineering, at the University of California, Santa Barbara starting January 1st, 2018 or earlier. Your initial annual salary will be $48,216 and you will receive a benefits package which includes health insurance (please contact Jordan Boncquet for details, jordan@engineering.ucsb.edu). The position will be for a period of one year, however, upon mutual agreement can be extended to two years starting as soon as your visa is issued and you arrive in Santa Barbara. The approximate effective date will be January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. Your research project will involve the study of catalytic processes and chemical conversions using molten metals and salts. You will also have responsibilities for designing and building experimental systems, lab safety and organization, and helping to mentor graduate and undergraduate students who might chose to work with you. To assist in your relocation expenses we can provide a one-time moving stipend of up to $2500.00 for any reasonable expenses (air travel, hotel, car rental) for your move to Santa Barbara.

Please notify me no later than August 5th, 2017 if you accept the offer and confirming your arrival date.

We very much look forward to you joining us for a productive period of research.

Most Sincerely,

[Name]
Professor of Chemical Engineering
University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Phone: [Phone number]
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