

Research Affiliate Benefits

While The University of Texas at Austin (UT) receives many international and national visitors, it is important to note that the Research Affiliate designation is a non-compensatory assignment.

All international research affiliates are urged to attend one of the weekly orientation sessions held in the International Office (471-1211) on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. All J-1 Scholars must attend J-1 Scholar Orientation within 30 days of the program start date listed on the DS-2019. Please [make an appointment](#) for orientation. Additional details on the orientation are located at <https://world.utexas.edu/iss/about/events/j-1-scholar-orientation-1>.

INSURANCE

In the interest of protecting our international students and visiting faculty, the Board of Regents requires that all J-1 visa-holders (as well as the accompanying spouse and dependents of J-1 visa-holders) be adequately covered by health insurance. Any visiting Research Affiliate, whether employed by the University or not, whose IAP-66 form for a J-1 visa has been processed by the International Office at UT is eligible for the same type of insurance available to students. The insurance program is one of the important matters covered in the orientation program for our international guests. For specific application information contact the Blue Cross Blue Shield (Academic Health Plans) help line: 855-247-2273.

Registration web-site: <https://utexas.myahpcare.com/enrollment>

IDENTIFICATION

An identification card (ID) can be obtained, with prior approval from your host department, by visiting the ID Center, located on the first floor of the Flawn Academic Center (FAC).

<http://sites.utexas.edu/css/idcenter/>

BUILDING ACCESS AND OFFICE SPACE

Room keys (or proximity card) can be obtained with prior approval from your host department.

<https://facilitieservices.utexas.edu/divisions/support/lock-key-services.php>

PARKING

If you wish to park a vehicle on the campus, you must obtain a parking permit. This can be arranged at the discretion of your host department, in a request on letterhead addressed to Parking and Transportation.

This letter will entitle you to an "A" parking permit. <https://parking.utexas.edu>

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Research Affiliates are eligible to use the gym or any other recreation facilities. There is a charge for membership, which must be paid in advance.

<https://www.utrecsports.org>

DISCOUNTS

As a Research Affiliate you are entitled to the same discounts on campus events as members of the UT faculty.

Further information on Research Affiliates is available at:

<https://policies.utexas.edu/policies/research-titles>