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Inviting a J-1 Scholar to transfer from another Program to Rutgers

An Exchange Visitor may transfer from one designated program to another designated program. If you are already a J visa holder at another institution, please consult with your Responsible Officer for assistance about how to transfer to Rutgers. General guidelines include:

- Scholar must secure the written release of the current sponsor in Section 8 of Form DS-2019.
- The Rutgers Academic Department must submit all required documents to OISS for requesting a DS-2019 on your behalf.
- OISS will verify the current immigration status and program eligibility, prepare a DS-2019 form to enable the scholar to begin research activities at Rutgers
- Program transfers for professors or research scholars must be effected from within the U.S.
- Transfer must occur within the five years allowed to Exchange Visitors in these categories.
- The transfer procedures must be completed prior to the end date as noted on the form DS-2019.

Please consult with your current RO as your institution may have additional administrative policies and procedures. All the best!