OCCASIONAL LECTURES OR CONSULTATIONS:

The government rule:

22 C.F.R. 62.20 (g) Professors and research scholars may participate in occasional lectures and short-term consultations, unless disallowed by the sponsor. Such lectures and consultations must be incidental to the exchange visitor's primary program activities. If wages or other remuneration are received by the exchange visitor for such activities, the exchange visitor must act as an independent contractor such as term defined in 8 C.F.R. 274(a)(l)(j).

The independent contractor status is for the purposes of completing an I-9. In this case, no Form I-9 is required as the letter by the RO serves as a confirmation and authorization for this employment.

The above employment eligibility may also apply to short-term scholars.

Criteria for authorizing short-term consultations and lecture activity:

To ensure these activities do not interfere with and are in keeping with the activities of the exchange visitor's program, they must:
1. Be directly related to the objective of the exchange visitor's program;
2. Be incidental to the exchange visitor's primary program activities; and
3. Not delay the completion date of the visitor's program.
4. Are documented in SEVIS by RO/ARO.

Procedure for approval:

If wages or other remuneration are involved the exchange visitor must present to the RO:
- A letter from the offerer setting forth the terms and conditions of the offer to lecture or consult including the duration, number of hours, field or subject, amount of compensation, and description of such activity; and
- A letter from his or her department head or supervisor recommending such activity and explaining how it would enhance the exchange visitor's program.
- The activity must be approved in advance and in writing by the RO.