

<b>IIT Position Title</b>	<b>Education requirements</b>	<b>Purpose at IIT</b>	<b>Length of time in US</b>	<b>Visa category on J request form</b>	<b>Registration requirements at IIT</b>	<b>Standard documents required</b>	<b>Additional documentation required</b>
<b>Research Associate</b>	Masters degree	To gain research experience	6 months or less	Short-term scholar	None	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment letter from Grad College
<b>Research Associate</b>	Masters degree	To gain research experience	6 months to 1 year (renewed annually)	Research Scholar*	None	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment letter from Grad College
<b>Senior Research Associate</b>	PhD degree	To gain research experience	6 months or less	Short-term scholar	None	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment letter from Grad College
<b>Senior Research Associate</b>	PhD degree	To gain research experience	6 months to 1 year (renewed annually)	Research Scholar*	None	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment letter from Grad College
<b>Visiting Professor</b>	Refer to Faculty Handbook	To teach at IIT	Maximum 5 years	Professor*	None	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment letter from Dean of College
<b>Visiting short-term scholar</b>	No degree required, but significant educational background & research experience	To do a research project for degree in home country.	3-6 months	Short-term scholar	2 credits per term	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment from department chair and approved by Graduate Academic Affairs
<b>Visiting short-term scholar</b>	No degree required, but significant educational background & research experience	To do a research project for degree in home country.	0-3 months	Short-term scholar	None	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment from department chair and approved by Graduate Academic Affairs
<b>Visiting Scholar</b>	Bachelors degree required	To do a research project for degree in home country.	6 months to 5 years	Research Scholar*	2 credits per term	<b>J request form</b> **Financial documents	Appointment from department chair and approved by Graduate Academic Affairs

**\*Research Scholar/Professor** – After an exchange visitor spends time in the US in one of these categories, they are prohibited from returning to the US for 2 years in that same category.

**\*\*Financial Documents:** Funding must be provided for each scholar for the tuition credits required and living expenses of \$1300/month for their stay in the US. Dependents require an additional \$4000/spouse and \$2000 per child. If IIT is funding the stay, the amount should be listed in the invitation/appointment letter and supporting financial documents should be provided if IIT funding is not sufficient.

For financial document guidelines, please visit ([link](#))

All J visa categories for Researchers and Professors are non-tenure track.