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## Tax Information for J-1 Scholars

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Each year by April 15, individuals must file "income tax returns" with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and with the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) [www.ftb.ca.gov](http://www.ftb.ca.gov) to confirm the total income earned for the previous year and to request a refund if the amount withheld from the salary exceeds the amount of tax owed. If the tax owed is more than the amount withheld, payment is made to the IRS and FTB at this time.

J-1 visa holders are required to file a U.S. income tax return each year if they have U.S. income. J-2 dependents who have been employed must also file. U.S. source of income, including scholarships, fellowships, and Teaching Assistant/Graduate Student Researcher salaries are all subject to taxation.

### **Services for International Students & Scholars**

Scholars can find the following information on the SISS website:

- Instructions/access each year to an online tax preparation program that is available to international students and scholars.
- Dates & times of California State tax information sessions held on campus.
- Tax preparation resources including web addresses, phone numbers for both federal and state agencies, tax forms and access to tax treaty publications.
- Other general information

### **J-1 Scholars Paid by UC Davis**

Individuals employed in the U.S. have tax withheld from their paychecks in anticipation of their presumed tax liability. The amount withheld monthly is determined by whether an individual is considered resident or non-resident for tax purposes. Generally, individuals in J-1 visa status other than students will be considered Non-Resident Aliens for two years. After two years, if the individual qualifies under the substantial presence test, he/she will be considered a Resident Alien for tax purposes. Please note that this is not defined the same as resident or non-resident status for immigration or tuition purposes. **Tax treaties between the U.S. and a foreign government can also affect the rate of withholding.** Please visit the IRS website for further information: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/International-Businesses/United-States-Income-Tax-Treaties--A-to-Z>

It is important for UCD employees to understand that a portion of their monthly salary may be withheld. Medicare and either the Old Age Survivors Disability Insurance (OASDI) or the Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) contributions will be automatically withheld from paychecks at the appropriate rates. These withholding amounts are not refundable. The United States has social security agreements known as "totalization agreements" with many countries to eliminate dual taxation. If you participate in your home country's public retirement system, you may be exempt under the "totalization agreement." You can get more information from Social Security Administration at [www.socialsecurity.gov/international](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/international)

### **UC Davis Accounting Office - Tax Reporting & Compliance**

<http://accounting.ucdavis.edu/TXReporting/index.cfm>

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This office provides information regarding Glacier Nonresident Alien Tax Compliance System <http://accounting.ucdavis.edu/glacier/> pertaining to tax summary report, tax treaty exemption form 8233 and attachments, Form W-4, Form DE4, and Statement of Citizenship. Also provides login information by submitting access request form at <http://accounting.ucdavis.edu/glacier/AccessReqForm.cfm>