



**GUIDELINES FOR MINIMUM REQUIRED FUNDING AMOUNTS FOR RESEARCHERS**

The Fulbright-Hayes law for the Exchange Program establishes that as an exchange visitor the experience must be rich, where both sides gain in culture and knowledge. Our Program emphasizes how important it is for our Institution to bring researchers and scholars with the best surroundings and settings. When the petitioner provides for this objective, then we promote that our visitors can adequately perform their objective and goals. Therefore, the petitioner must provide adequate resources so that the visitor can pay for housing in a place they choose or is provided, pay transportation, clothes, health coverage, meals, medicine and materials for their personal use and also, have money in case of an emergency. If the situation is that the EV is the person that will cover his/her expenses (personal funds, scholarship, grant) it must meet the guidelines to make sure the EV has the best conditions to complete his/her objective.

The following is a description of the **minimum amount** of money, estimated for a researcher to comply with the best and save environment that will allow him/she to complete the program of study or project.

Exchange Visitor alone \$1,400./mo.	Exchange Visitor + spouse \$1,650./mo.	Exchange Visitor + spouse + 1 child \$1,900./mo.	EACH additional child \$250./mo.
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NOTE: If the petition stipend or salary does not meet these minimum requirements, affidavit of support or bank statement is necessary. **This minimum is without the cost of health insurance for the EV and family member, if applied.** If the petitioner will cover separately the cost, will not need to add \$5,000 per year for the health coverage. The visitor, also, may provide evidence that has a health coverage that will cover his/her stay in Puerto Rico.

The EV is responsible to cover the cost of the Accident Insurance for his/her family.