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Dear UW Community,

Since 2010, the University of Washington has welcomed nearly two thousand international, non-matriculated students through two key initiatives: the <u>Visiting International Student Internship and Training Program (VISIT)</u>, which supports internships of up to one year, and the <u>Visiting International Students Engaged in Research Program (VISER)</u>, which offers research fellowships of up to two years. These programs are administered by International & English Language Programs on behalf of the Office of Research. Participants in VISIT and VISER have been integral to the vitality and excellence of our research enterprise, and we are proud to welcome them as valued members of the UW community.

While participation in the VISIT program has remained consistently strong, the VISER program has seen only limited engagement in recent years. Following a careful review of participation trends and financial sustainability, the Office of Research has made the decision to sunset the VISER program. Current VISER fellows will be supported through the completion of their programs; however, effective immediately, no new applications will be accepted.

Although the VISER program will no longer be available, the VISIT program remains available. VISIT permits students pursuing degrees at foreign universities to participate in full-time supervised research and work-based learning experiences at the University of Washington. Applicants may request a maximum stay of up to twelve months for each degree level. VISIT internships must consist of at least 32 hours of structured activities per week and may not duplicate any previous experience the intern has had. Clerical work may not exceed 20% of the internship, and must not involve unskilled or entry-level labor, or clinical or other tasks related to patient care or contact.

For more questions or additional information, please contact uwvisit@uw.edu.

In continued service,

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