

Exchange Visitor Program

Advancing Academic-Industry Partnerships
BridgeUSA J-1 STEM Research Initiative

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U.S. DEPARTMENT *of* STATE
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Our Mission

To increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational and cultural exchanges that support the development of peaceful relations.



BridgeUSA Impact



BridgeUSA is a Public Diplomacy resource that includes 13 exchange categories.



Public-private partnerships bring more than 300,000 exchange visitors to the U.S. each year.



1,450 designated sponsor organizations implement programs.



Exchanges are fee-based at virtually no cost to taxpayers.



Exchanges contribute \$1.2 billion to the U.S. economy per year.



J-Visa and the Exchange Visitor Program



Au Pair



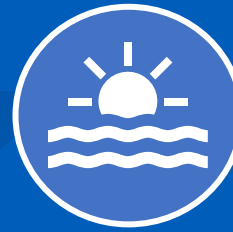
Camp Counselor



Professor



Trainee



Summer Work/Travel



Government Visitor



Intern



C/U Student



International Visitor



Alien Physician



Research Scholar



Teacher



Secondary Student



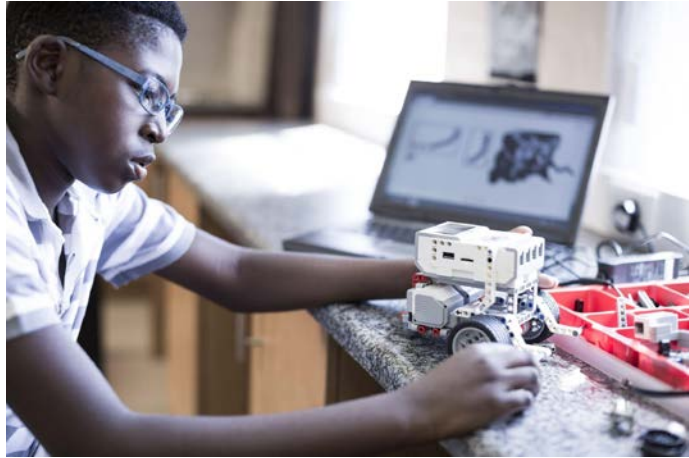
Short-term Scholar



Specialist



Early Career STEM Research Initiative



- Allows for the placement of category-specific exchange visitors at U.S. STEM businesses.
- Utilizes existing educational and cultural exchange programs in the following exchange visitor categories:



Research
Scholar



Short-Term
Scholar



Professor



Specialist



College & University
Student



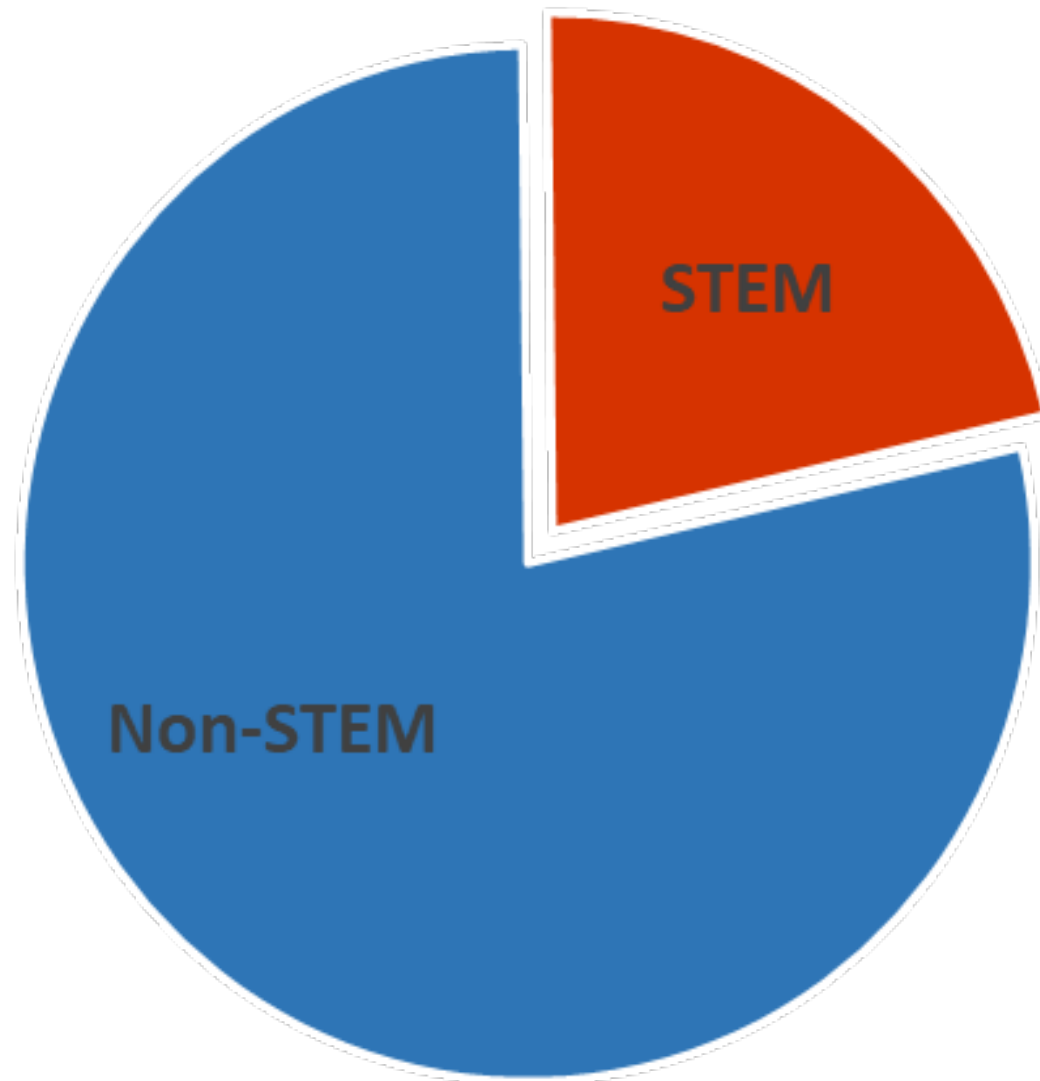
Intern



Trainee



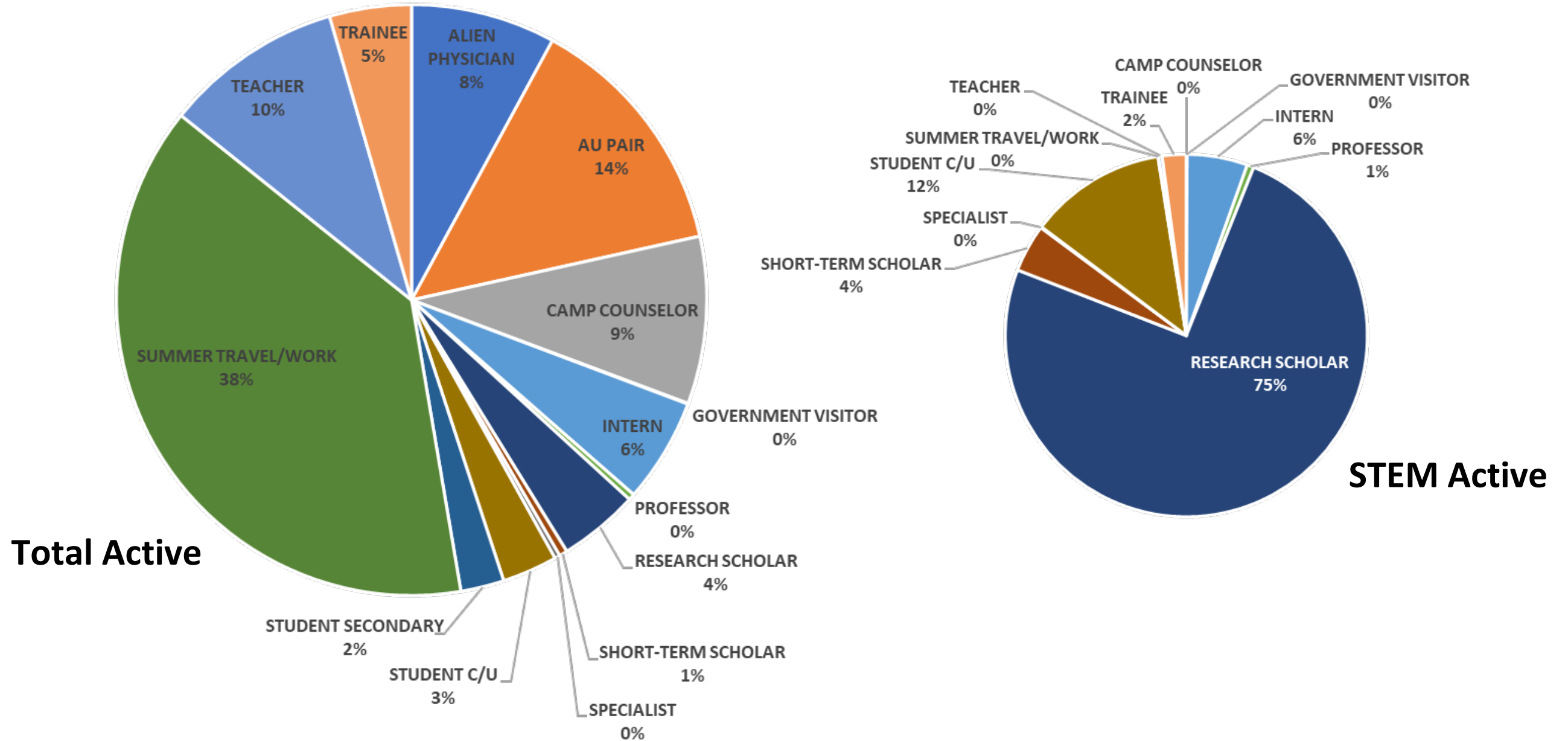
Current STEM Exchanges



22% of all exchange visitors are in STEM fields of research or study



Exchange Visitor Program by Category



J-1 Research Scholar



Cultural Exchange Opportunities

Research Scholars

Join BridgeUSA to conduct research and collaborate at U.S. research facilities!



PURPOSE

Conducting research, observing, or consulting



ELIGIBILITY

Not a candidate for a tenure track position

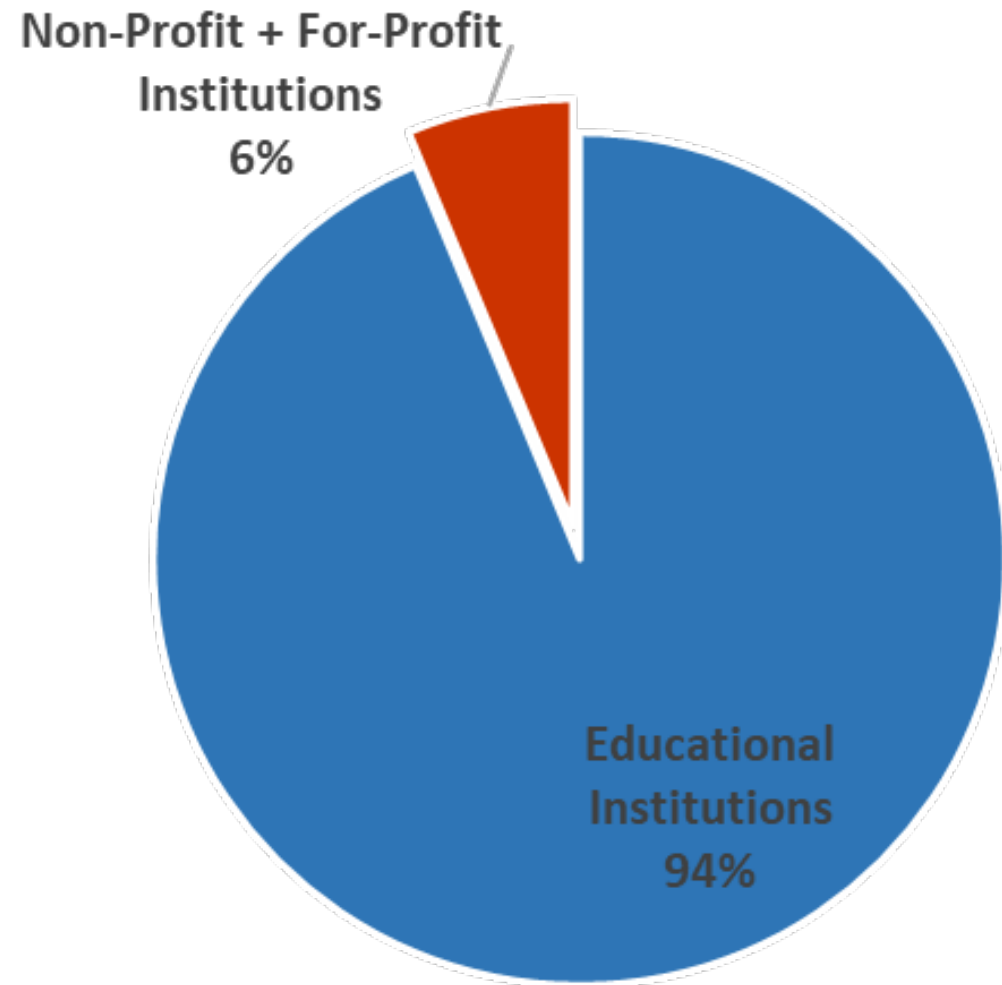


DURATION

Up To Five Years



Research Scholar Sponsors



The majority of Research Scholars are sponsored by colleges and universities

Thank You
