

## **INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARS CONSIDERING BRING IN FAMILY MEMBERS**

### **Schools**

- Where the scholar lives determines what school the children may attend in *public* schools: <http://www.wacoisd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=428&pageId=689> .
- All want good schools, but the best schools are *private* schools and are located several miles from campus and do not have transportation: <http://www.rapoportacademy.org/> .
- One public elementary school is located near the Baylor campus, but may be academically undesirable.
- One private Christian elementary school is nearby, <http://liveoakclassical.com/> , but tuition is very expensive (\$6500 for 2012/ 13 for grades K-6 and higher for upper grades.
- All high schools are several miles away and do not provide bus service from the Baylor campus.

### **Transportation**

- There is very limited public transportation in Waco and no mass transit such as that to which the scholars may be accustomed to in their home country.
- Transportation from the Baylor campus to any of the public or private schools is not available.
- If scholars have school age children, they must provide transportation for them (for example, the purchase of an automobile might be necessary); Baylor does not and cannot or provide or assist with transportation.

### **Health Insurance for family members**

- Federal regulations require that all J-1 scholars and their accompanying dependents carry health insurance during their entire stay at a minimal rate, but suggest that it be must higher.
- Baylor also has a mandatory policy that requires all international students, scholars and accompanying dependents maintain a much higher level of coverage because health costs are so expensive in the U.S. Anyone who is not a full-time Baylor employee is required to purchase the Baylor policy. See International Student and Scholar website for rates under Health Insurance.
- *Willful failure to meet the insurance requirements will result in termination of the J-1 program participation.*

### **Financial Support for Dependents**

- Scholars must provide documentation of adequate financial support for each family member's living expenses to qualify for a DS-2019.
- Spouses require a minimum of \$500/month (\$6000/year) and each child requires a minimum of \$333/month (\$4000/year) in living expenses, *in addition to* the scholar's funding.
- Health insurance is in addition to the living expenses.

### **Dependent Employment**

- Although J-2 spouses can apply for temporary employment authorization from the Department of Homeland Security, the application process is lengthy, expensive and does not guarantee employment.

