# International Scholar Statistics
# July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2020

## Background Information

These statistics represent international scholars who engaged in research and teaching at UNM on J-1 visas between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. There were an additional 43 J-1 medical residents on visa documents from another agency at the UNM Health Sciences Center. These J-1 residents are not represented in these statistics. Finally, UNM faculty and staff on other visa types are also not represented here.

For the 2020 year many scholars were unable to begin programs at the University of New Mexico due to the COVID19 pandemic. The dramatic drop in scholars is therefore primarily due to these circumstances and cannot be viewed as an overall trend at this time.

## Observations

- There was a 70.39% decrease in the number of J-1 scholars over the last year (2019 - 2020)
- Scholars came to UNM from 37 countries.
- More than 86 of J-1 scholars came from China, India, Italy, United Kingdom and Brazil.
- The top 5 disciplines (more than 84%) for J-1 scholars are: Life Sciences/Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, Visual & Performing Arts, and Health Sciences.
- 57% of scholars are funded from US sources such as UNM, the US government and private US sponsors while 42% of scholars are funded by their home government, a private foreign sponsor, International Organization or personal and family funds.

| Total Number of J-1 Scholars | |
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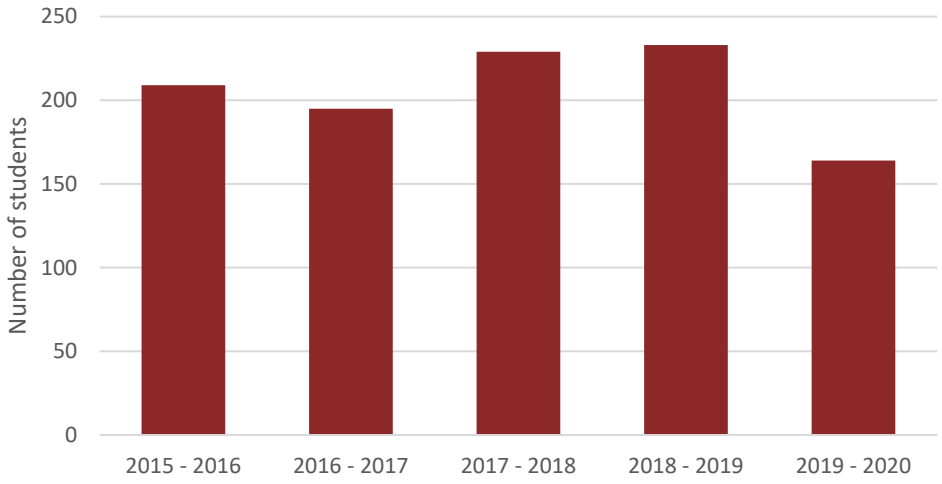
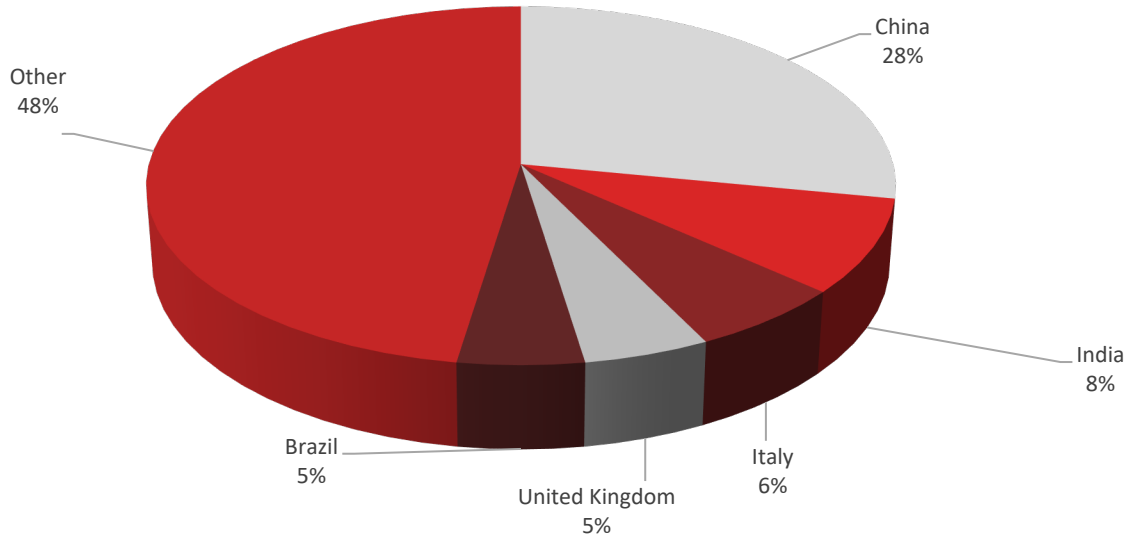
| 2015 – 2016 | 209 |
| 2016 – 2017 | 195 |
| 2017 – 2018 | 229 |
| 2018 – 2019 | 233 |
| 2019 – 2020 | 164 |



| Scholars by Country of Citizenship (J1 only) 2019-2020 | |
|---|---|
| Argentina | 3 |
| Australia | 3 |
| Austria | 1 |
| Brazil | 8 |
| Canada | 3 |
| China | 47 |
| Egypt | 1 |
| Ethiopia | 1 |
| France | 7 |
| Germany | 1 |
| India | 14 |
| Iran | 2 |
| Italy | 11 |
| Japan | 4 |
| Kenya | 2 |
| Latvia | 2 |
| Mexico | 7 |
| Nepal | 1 |
| Nigeria | 3 |
| Pakistan | 1 |
| Peru | 1 |
| South Korea | 7 |
| Spain | 7 |
| Taiwan | 2 |
| Turkey | 2 |
| United Kingdom | 8 |
| Ghana | 1 |
| Ukraine | 2 |
| Colombia | 1 |
| Poland | 1 |
| Norway | 2 |
| Switzerland | 2 |
| Thailand | 1 |
| Tunisia | 1 |
| Jordan | 1 |
| Morocco | 2 |
| Portugal | 1 |

| Top 5 Countries J1 Visa<br>2019 – 2020 | | |
|---|---|---|
| China | 46 | 28.05% |
| India | 14 | 8.54% |
| Italy | 10 | 6.10% |
| United Kingdom | 8 | 4.88% |
| Brazil | 8 | 4.88% |
| Other | 78 | 47.56% |
| **Grand Total** | **164** | **100.00%** |



| Gender Distribution (J1 only)<br>2019 - 2020 | | |
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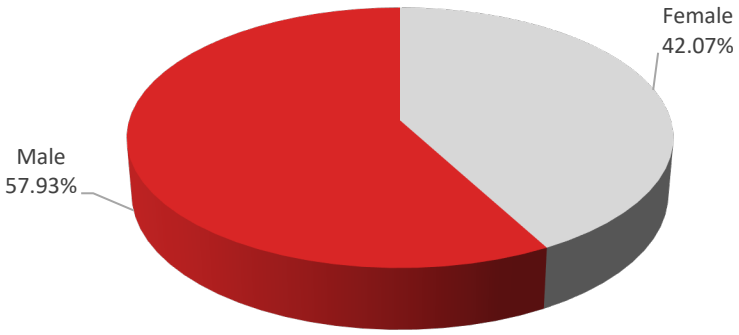
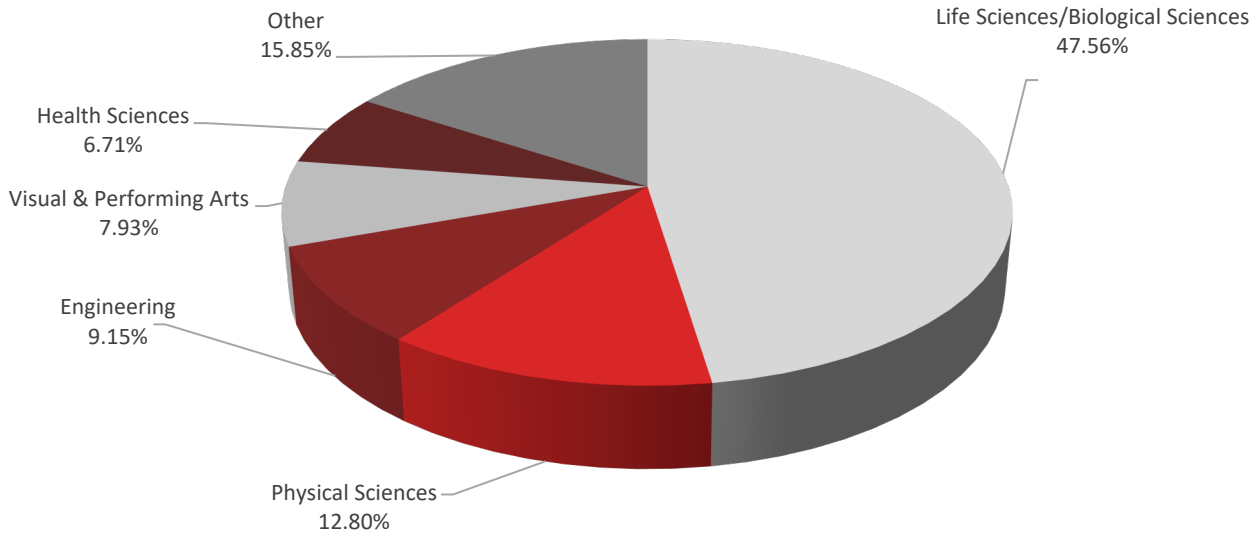
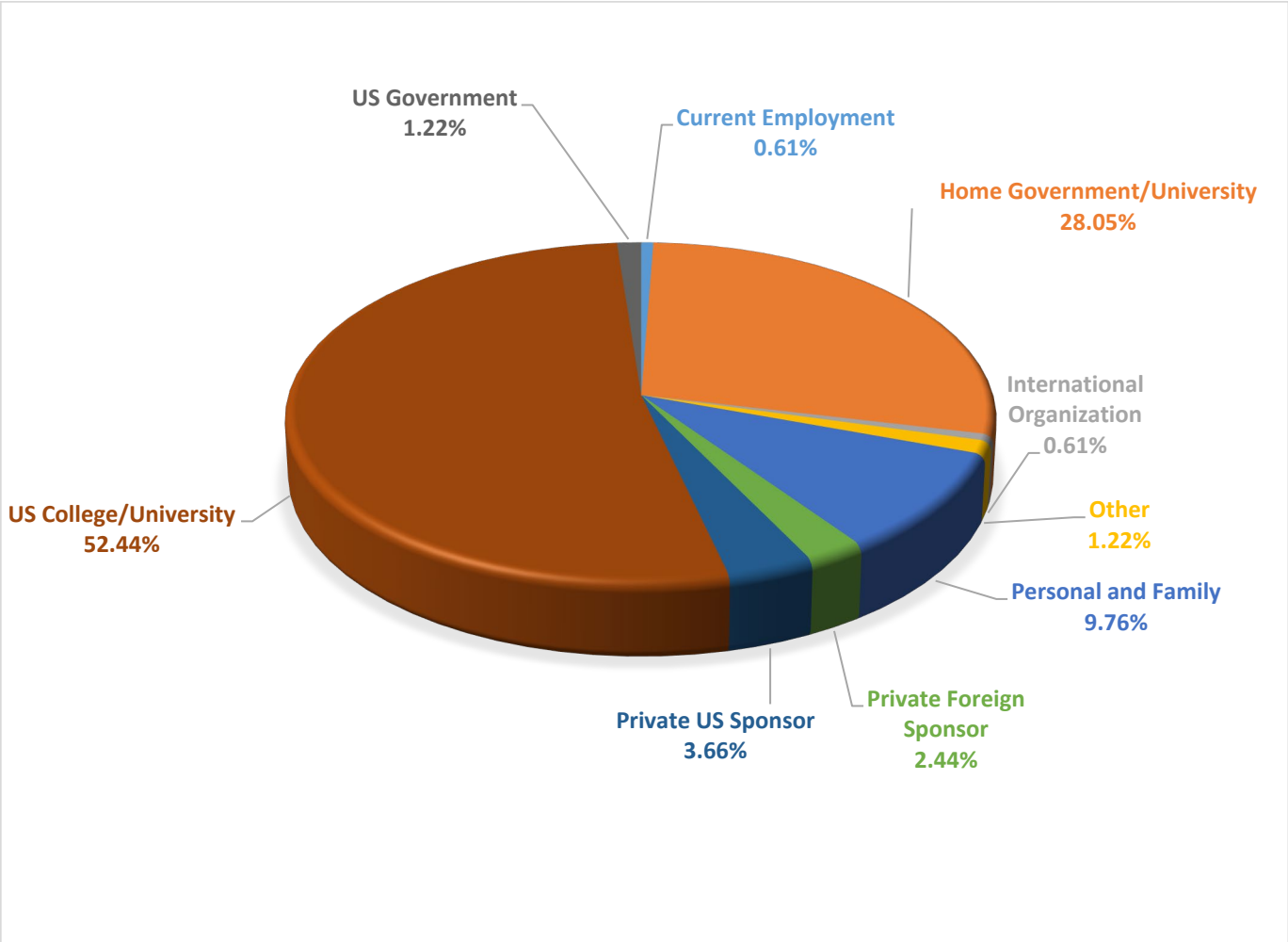
| Female | 69 | 42.07% |
| Male | 95 | 57.93% |
| **Grand Total** | **164** | **100.00%** |



| Top 5 Major Fields of Specialization (J1 only)<br>2019 - 2020 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Life Sciences/Biological Sciences | 78 | 47.56% |
| Physical Sciences | 21 | 12.80% |
| Engineering | 15 | 9.15% |
| Visual & Performing Arts | 13 | 7.93% |
| Health Sciences | 11 | 6.71% |
| Other | 26 | 15.85% |
| **Grand Total** | **164** | **100.00%** |



| Primary Sources of Funds (J1 only)<br>2019 - 2020 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Current Employment | 1 | 0.61% |
| Home Government/University | 46 | 28.05% |
| International Organization | 1 | 0.61% |
| Other | 2 | 1.22% |
| Personal and Family | 16 | 9.76% |
| Private Foreign Sponsor | 4 | 2.44% |
| Private US Sponsor | 6 | 3.66% |
| US College/University | 86 | 52.44% |
| US Government | 2 | 1.22% |
| **Grand Total** | **164** | **100.00%** |