

# Appointing Visiting Scholars via Courtesy Express

This guide will detail the steps to appoint Visiting Scholar candidates via Courtesy Express in OMNI HR. Collaborating and connecting with a diverse group of scholars is vital to advancing the research and education missions of the University. Visiting Scholars may come to Florida State University at the invitation of an FSU faculty or staff member working in their field.

Review guidance provided by [Research Integrity, Security, and Ethics \(RISE\)](#) to determine if your unpaid courtesy is required to go through the RAMP process. Specific departments and/or the utilization of specific courtesy job codes require completion of the RAMP process.

Each semester, the Office of Human Resources creates a non-advertised job opening for use by the entire University, known as the Courtesy Express. This process is used after the Visiting Scholar process has been approved in RAMP. The Courtesy Express job opening will display for departments in the Recruiting > Search Job Openings list, but it is not advertised as a job for which applicants can apply. The department creates the applicant record, links the record to the current Courtesy Express pool, and prepares the job offer.

## Key Information:

- Required Roles: **FSU\_SS\_MANAGER** and **FSU\_ERS\_ADD\_EXPRESS**
- [Courtesy Supplemental Docs](#)
- [Courtesy JobCodes](#)
- [J-1 Visas](#)
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## Visiting Scholar and J-1 Visa

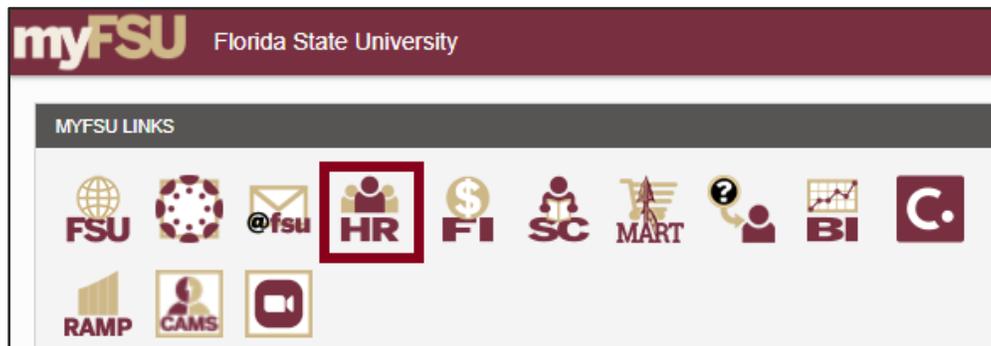
1. Complete the Visiting Scholar Request Process in the [Export Control Portal](#).

**Note:** Do not submit a job offer until all requirements for the Visiting Scholar Process and J-1 application have been completed and approved.

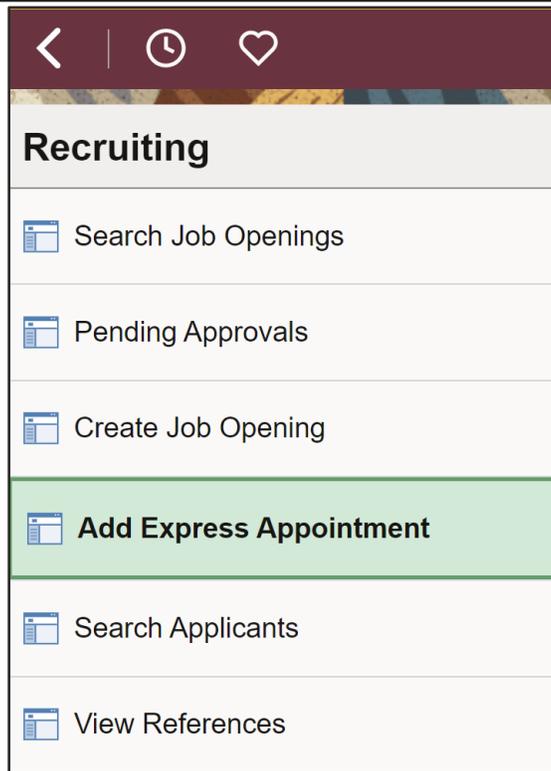
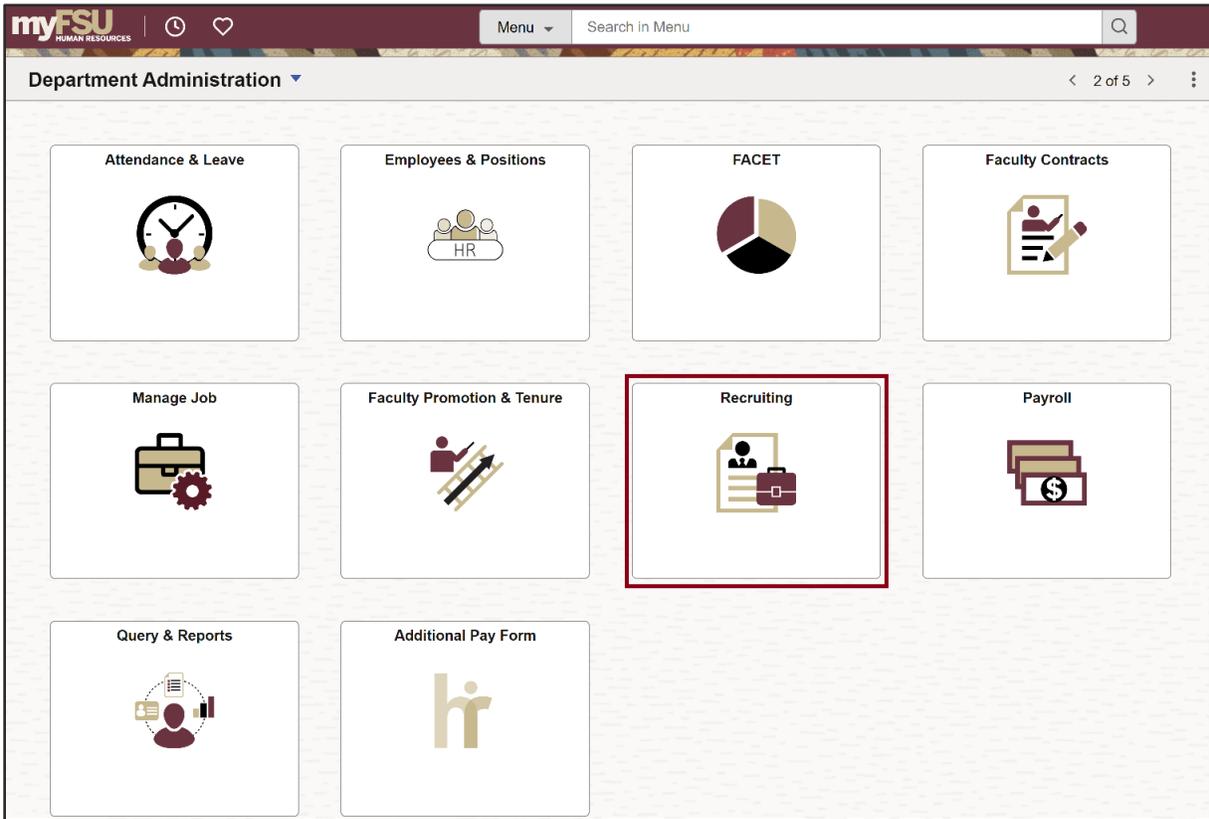
2. If necessary, complete all required J-1 application documents and send them to the Center for Global Engagement.

**Note:** Download a copy of the approved Export Control Confirmation to upload in the courtesy job offer.

3. Obtain a valid email address.
4. Log into **myFSU** > click on the **HR icon**.



5. Select **Department Administration** from the drop-down. Click the **Recruiting** tile. Then select **Add Express Appointment**.



## Adding Candidates New To FSU

6. On the **Express Appt** page:
  - a. Allow **Applicant Type** to default to “Express Appt”.
  - b. Enter the candidate's legal name in the **First Name** and **Last Name** fields.
  - c. Click **Add Email Address** > choose email type > enter a **valid** email address > click **Save** or **Save and Create Another** to create additional express appointments.

**Note:** The email provided is where the Onboarding invitation will be sent later in the process. For email type, please select **Home** or **Other** – inserting an FSU email domain will result in an error and not allow you to save.

The screenshot shows the 'Recruiting' system interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Save', 'Save and Create Another', and 'Recruiting Home'. The form is divided into several sections:

- Applicant:** \*Applicant Type: Express Appt (dropdown), Preferred Contact: Not Specified (dropdown).
- Applicant Status:** \*Status Code: Active (dropdown), Status Reason: (dropdown), Status Date: 05/20/2024 (calendar icon).
- Name:** Name Format: English (dropdown), Name Prefix: (dropdown), \*First Name: Pe (text input), Middle Name: (text input), \*Last Name: O-Ka (text input), Name Suffix: (dropdown).
- NOTE:** When creating an appointment for an active Employee or Student, choose Applicant Type 'Employee'. You may add a Home or Other email as a secondary contact, but the FSU Official Email will default to primary, and the onboarding will be launched there (This is set by the university.). Home and Other email types cannot contain a "@fsu" domain.
- Email Addresses:** A table with columns: Primary, \*Email Type, Email Address. One row is shown: Primary: [checked], \*Email Type: Home (dropdown), Email Address: pe-o-ka@gmail.com (text input).
- Buttons:** 'Add Email Address' (below the email table), 'Add Phone Number' (below the phone numbers section).

d. Note the **Applicant ID** that generates and proceed to step 7.

Recruiting

Save Save and Create Another Recruiting Home Manage Applicant Personalize

Name Pe O-Ka Applicant ID 788712

Personal Information Applications

Applicant

\*Applicant Type Express Appt Preferred Contact Not Specified

Applicant Status

\*Status Code Active Status Reason Status Date 05/20/2024

Name Name Format English

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## Linking the Record to the Courtesy Express Pool

7. Navigate to **Recruiting > Search Applicants** > enter the applicant ID in the **Applicant ID** field > click **Search**.

Find Appt/Applicants

Recruiting Home

Quick Search Keyword Search Advanced Search

Search Criteria ?

Search My Applicants

First Name Last Name Alternate Character Name Applicant Status Applied Within Applied Between Job Opening ID

Applicant ID

Search Clear

8. Across from the candidate's name, use the **Actions** drop-down menu to select **Link Applicant to Job**.

Applicant	Applicant ID	Type	Status	Phone	Email Address	Date Applied	Jobs Applied	
Ollie Osceola	727961	Express Appt	010 Active		o.osceola@gmail.com	05/13/2022	0	<b>Actions</b> Link Applicant to Job Send Correspondence

Select All    ▼ Group Actions

9. Enter or select the correct semester's Courtesy Express job ID in the **Job Opening ID** field > click **Link**.

Link Applicant to Job Opening ×

**Applicants to be Linked**

Applicant	Name	Status	Email Address	
<input type="text" value="727961"/> 🔍	Ollie Osceola	010 Active	o.osceola@gmail.com	🗑️

Add Applicant

**Job Openings**

Job Opening ID	Posting Title	Job Posted	Questionnaire	
<input type="text" value="51506"/> 🔍	Courtesy Express Fall 2022	No	No	🗑️

Add Job Opening

**Disposition Information**

\*Disposition  ▼

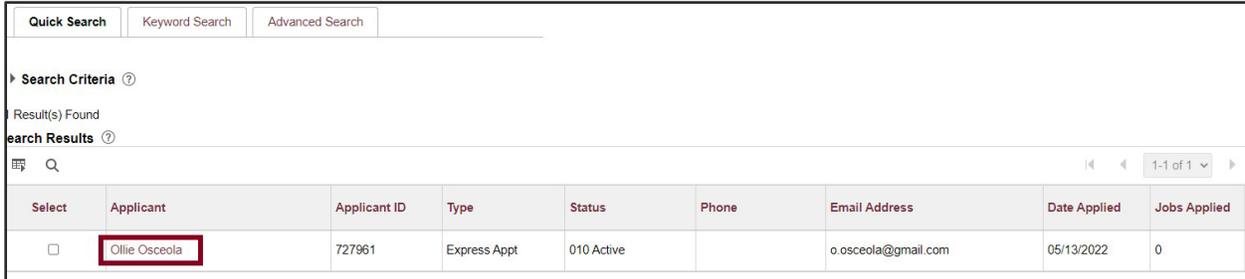
Reason  ▼

Date 05/13/2022

Link Cancel

## Preparing the Appointment

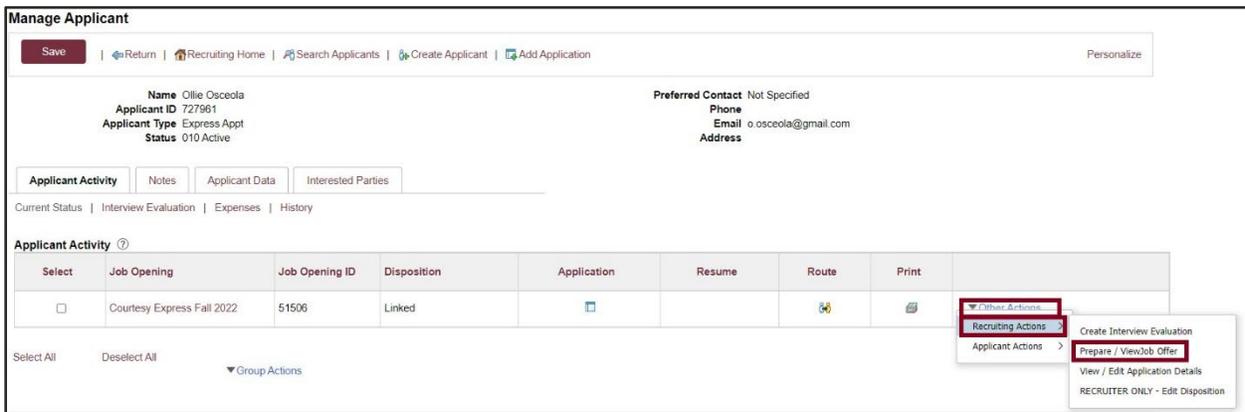
10. After the applicant's record has been successfully linked, click on the candidate's name to be redirected to the job opening(s) associated with the applicant's ID.



Select	Applicant	Applicant ID	Type	Status	Phone	Email Address	Date Applied	Jobs Applied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ollie Osceola	727961	Express Appt	010 Active		o.osceola@gmail.com	05/13/2022	0

11. Under the appropriate Job Opening, click on **Other Actions**.

12. Click **Recruiting Actions > Prepare/View Job Offer**



**Manage Applicant**

Name: Ollie Osceola  
Applicant ID: 727961  
Applicant Type: Express Appt  
Status: 010 Active

Preferred Contact: Not Specified  
Phone: [Redacted]  
Email: o.osceola@gmail.com  
Address: [Redacted]

Applicant Activity

Select	Job Opening	Job Opening ID	Disposition	Application	Resume	Route	Print	Other Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courtesy Express Fall 2022	51506	Linked	[Icon]	[Icon]	[Icon]	[Icon]	[Dropdown Menu]

Dropdown Menu Options:  
- Other Actions  
- Recruiting Actions  
- Applicant Actions  
- Create Interview Evaluation  
- Prepare / View Job Offer  
- View / Edit Application Details  
- RECRUITER ONLY - Edit Disposition

13. Begin on the **Offer Details** tab.



14. Navigate to the **Comments** section. Enter information pertaining to the Unpaid Visiting Scholar's description of duties and justification for the appointment.

If the appointment is a Post Doc, please include financial support information including the source and amount of funding. Courtesy Post Docs *must be paid* through an external grant or their home university. The **Post Doc** job code is only appropriate if it meets the minimum requirement for salary per the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs.

15. Navigate to the FSU Offer – Additional Info section. Enter the appropriate **Job Code** or click the lookup button to select the appropriate Courtesy Job Code. To determine the appropriate Courtesy job code, review the information [here](#).

**NOTE:** The default code COUX is not a valid job code.

16. Enter the appropriate **Department** or use the lookup button to search and select the desired Department.

17. Enter the appropriate **Location Code** or use the lookup button to search and select the desired Location Code.

18. Enter the appropriate **Supervisor ID** or use the lookup icon to search for the desired Supervisor ID.

19. Enter the appropriate **Mail Code** or use the lookup icon to search for the desired Mail Code.

20. Click the **U.S. Citizen?** drop-down menu. Select the appropriate answer from the list.

21. Click the **Empl Class** drop-down menu. Select the appropriate classification. "Vstg Schlr" should be used for Unpaid Visiting Scholars.

22. Enter the appropriate weekly standard hours of 0.01

23. The Pre-Mgr Approver field is optional. If desired, use the lookup button to search and select a Pre- Mgr Approver. The Originator Telephone will automatically populate.

24. Enter the **Begin Date**.

**NOTE:** The Begin Date typically matches the start date on the DS2019; however, Visiting Scholars are permitted to start 30 days before the J-1 start date.

The screenshot shows the 'FSU Offer - Additional Info' form. The following fields are highlighted with red boxes:

- \*Job Code: H9185 (with a lookup icon)
- \*Location Code: 40101000A (with a lookup icon)
- \*Department: 069000 (with a lookup icon)
- \*Supervisor ID: 000051423 (with a lookup icon)
- \*Mail Code: 2840 (with a lookup icon)
- \*Weekly Std Hours: 0.01
- \*U.S. Citizen?: No (dropdown menu)
- \*Empl Class: Vstg Schlr (dropdown menu)
- \*Originator Telephone: 850/645-8124
- Begin Date: 08/08/2022 (with a calendar icon)

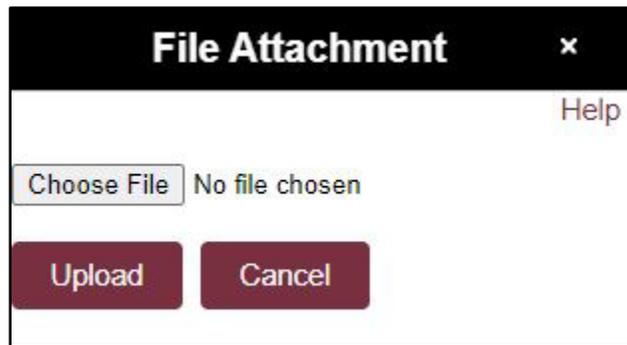
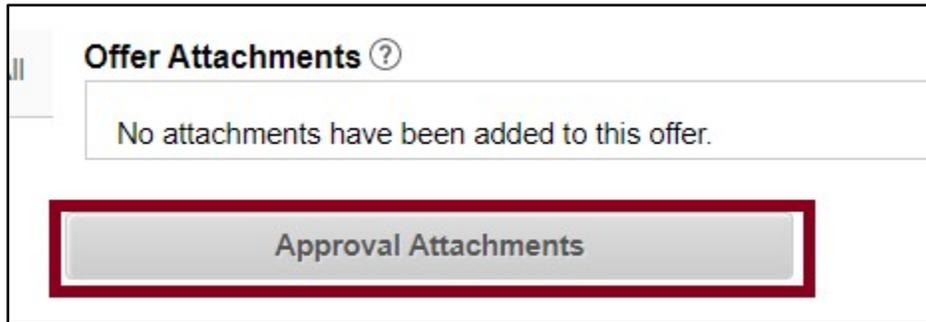
25. Save the Job Offer by clicking the **Save as a Draft** button. This will allow you to attach approval documents.

<b>Business Unit</b> FSU01	 Save as Draft
<b>Offer Date</b> 05/13/2022	 Submit for Approval
<b>Applicant Type</b> Express Appt	
<b>Preferred Contact</b> Not Specified	 Add Revised Offer
	 Delete Offer

26. Click the **Edit Offer** button. Attach the approved *Visiting Scholar Export Control (RAMP approval)* to the job offer.

<b>Business Unit</b> FSU01	 Save as Draft
<b>Offer Date</b> 05/13/2022	 Submit for Approval
<b>Applicant Type</b> Express Appt	
<b>Preferred Contact</b> Not Specified	 Add Revised Offer
	 Delete Offer
<b>Contacts Receiving Onboarding Notifications:</b>	 Edit Offer
<input type="text"/>	
<b>Additional Dept Contact Email</b>	
<input type="text"/>	
<b>Offer Attachments</b> 	
<input type="text" value="No attachments have been added to this offer."/>	
	

27. Attach the approved Export Control Document by clicking the **Approval Attachments** button and uploading the document.



28. Insert a **description** of the Document.

**Attachments** ?

Type	Description	Details		
Attachment	RAMP	ERROR_1.JPG	🗑️	

Approval Attachments

**NOTE:** Be sure to show the Visitor Information tab of the RAMP approval screenshot.

Export Control > George Edgar Visiting Scholar

Approved

Submitted by: R Renegade  
Date Submitted: 3/18/2025  
Date Approved: 6/9/2025

**Next Steps**

View Export Control

Printer Version

View Differences

🗨️ Add Comment

(Export Control - In review)

## EC00001234: George Edgar Visiting Scholar

**Responsible Party:** Visitor  
**Submission type:** Visitor  
**Assigned Reviewer:** Jordan Huston  
**Screening Result:** Suspected Hit

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graph LR
    A([Pre-Submission]) --> B([Pre-Review])
    B --> C([Export Control Review])
    C --> D([Review Complete])
    B --> E([Clarification Requested])
    E --> B
    C --> F([Clarification Requested])
    F --> C
    
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History	Documents	Visitor Information	Screening Results	Reviews	Deliverables	Related Submissions
Visitor:		George Edgar	Dates of Visit:	5/23/2025 to 5/31/2026		
Countries of Citizenship:		China	Legal Permanent Resident:	No		
Affiliated Companies:		No institution	Campus Locations:	Westcott		
Type of Visit:		Non-Students Visit	Category of Visit:	Visiting Scholar (>14 days)		

29. Click the **Background Check** tab.

**Offer Details** ?

Offer Details

Background Check

Enter a **Description of Duties** for the appointment.  
Confirm the **Budget Manager** and **Budget Manager Email** is correct.

Enter or look up a valid **Purchase Order #** or enter a valid **Foundation Fund #** to pay for the background check. The **Line #** will generate based on the purchase order selected.

**NOTE:** The department will only be charged if a background check is required.

30. Answer each question on the **Background Check Questionnaire**; No or Yes as applicable. Confirm these answers with the hiring supervisor.

Once the questions are answered, the background level will generate at the bottom of the questionnaire.

The background check level will be reviewed by Human Resources Background Check staff.

**Part 1. Outside Documents to replace/satisfy FSU Background Check:**

1 Is this job/role located in the FSU Childcare Center?

2 Does this job/role require a specific background check to be performed for which approved external agencies complete screenings? (e.g., DRS positions, positions in the K-12 school system, etc.)

3 If the hiring department for this job/role has been granted approval by the Office of Human Resources to perform a specific background check for all employees, select the appropriate level. If not applicable, select "NO."

4 Will this person be working or volunteering with a University Sponsored Summer Camp held between May and September?

**Part 2. Level 2 Background Check Required Duties:**

1 Will this person be providing care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation to vulnerable populations such as minors, the elderly, or those with disabilities?

2 Is the position classified as Vice President level or above by job code/administrative code?

3 Is the position with the FSU Public Safety or Panama City Campus Public Safety? If yes, submit a copy of the fingerprint report obtained by FSUPD; HR will conduct the Standard portion of the Criminal History Background Check

4 Is fingerprinting a requirement by granting agencies for grants and contracts?

5 Will this person be working or volunteering with regulated materials regardless of quantity [DHS Chemicals of Interest, DEA controlled substances, NRC Radioactive Material], or is the position located in a facility covered by a DOT Security Plan, or has unescorted access to said materials?

**Part 3. Standard Background Check Required Duties:**

1 Will this person perform fiscal duties to include budgeting, accounting, or having direct access to cash (except petty cash), checks, and/or credit/debit cards to include making and/or receiving payments?

2 Will this person possess system access that provides the ability to process payments, print or distribute checks, process corrections, or generate, update, or approve financial transactions that will result in the disbursement of University funds?

3 Will this person have control over University-wide operational processes through functional roles or system security access?

4 Will this person have access to sensitive, secure, and/or confidential personal information on individuals, such as students, faculty, staff, or alumni (e.g., social security numbers, dates of birth, etc.)?

5 Will this person possess access to surplus property inventory; or possess a grand master or building master key and/or cards for building access?

**Part 4:**

1 Will this candidate/position be required to drive a University-owned motor vehicle (including golf carts and other utility vehicles) as part of their regular duties? See University Policy OP-C-7-G8 for driver's license check requirements.

2 By selecting "Yes," I confirm that the above duties have been reviewed by the position supervisor and are accurate.

## Submitting for Approval

31. Click **Submit for Approval**. After you have submitted the job offer, a confirmation message pops up. Click the **OK** button.

The screenshot shows the 'Background Check' tab of the job offer submission interface. It includes fields for 'Budget Manager' (Karmel Hawkins) and 'Budget Manager Email' (KHAWKINS@psinvalid.fsu.edu). The 'Background Check Funding (Required)' section has fields for 'Purchase Order #' and 'Line #' with search icons, and a section for 'OR' with a 'Foundation Fund #' field and an 'Approval Submission' link. On the right, there are buttons for 'Save as Draft' and 'Submit for Approval' (highlighted with a red box), and a list of actions: 'Add Revised Offer', 'Delete Offer', and 'Edit Offer'. A 'Description of Duties/Comments' field contains the text: 'Unpaid visiting scholar performing research with Dr. Frankenstein for Fall Semester.'



32. Navigate to the **Approvals** tab to review the status of the job offer in the workflow.

The screenshot shows the 'Approvals' tab of the job offer submission interface. It displays the 'FSU Job Offer Workflow' for a 'Job Offer: Pending'. The workflow consists of four steps: 'Pending' (FSU Job Opening Dept. Mgr.), 'Not Routed' (Multiple Approvers HR Background Check Approver), 'Not Routed' (Multiple Approvers Intl Center Approver), and 'Not Routed' (Multiple Approvers HR Final Approver-Courtesy). Below the workflow is a 'Submit' button and a 'Comments' field.

**NOTE:** Once the job offer is fully approved, Human Resources will launch the Onboarding invitation to the candidate, and the department will receive an email.

Any visiting scholar that is not a citizen will route automatically through the Center for Global Engagement.

To check the job offer status in workflow, navigate to the job opening through **Recruiting > Search Job Openings** > across from the candidate's name, click **Other Actions > Recruiting Actions > Prepare/View Job Offer > Approvals** tab.

**NOTE:** The completed and signed Foreign Government Talent Recruitment Program Form (FGTRP) and the Export Control Approval (RAMP) snapshot will be required to upload in Onboarding Supplemental Documents.

**Editing an Offer:** The **edit offer** button is only live during the Save as Draft stage. If you need to change a submitted job offer, it must be denied by the approver so the originator may **add revised offer**. At the add revised offer step, the data will be retained and editable. Once edits have been made, click **Submit for Approval**.

### Questions

- For general questions about this procedure, email [hr-courtesydocs@fsu.edu](mailto:hr-courtesydocs@fsu.edu).
- For Visiting Scholar questions, contact RISE at [research-compliance@fsu.edu](mailto:research-compliance@fsu.edu).
- For questions regarding the J-1 process or Non-Resident Alien visas, email [cge@fsu.edu](mailto:cge@fsu.edu).