***Independent Contractor or Performer Service Payments to a Foreign National***

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Title of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date(s) of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Pre-arrival planning:**

* Confirm that type of payment is allowable based on visa type. See Payments That Can Be Issued to Foreign Nationals chart for more information.
* If allowable, finalize the activity details: title of activity; date; time; amount and whether travel expenses will be reimbursed.
* If J-1 scholar, direct the individual to get permission letter from both inviting department at UW and International Students & Scholars Office (from sponsoring university).
* Determine if foreign national is eligible for a tax treaty exemption. Visit [IRS Publication 515](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p515.pdf#page=44) for available treaties.
	+ If not eligible, payment may be able to be made with appropriate federal tax withholding at 30%.
	+ If eligible, ask if he/she has a U.S. SSN or ITIN (one is needed in order to claim the treaty):
		- If YES and would LIKE to claim the tax treaty, provide SSN or ITIN on 8233 form and submit with payment documents to Accounts Payable.
		- If YES and would NOT LIKE to claim the tax treaty, payment can be made with the appropriate federal withholding tax at the rate of 30%.
		- If NO and would LIKE to claim the tax treaty, make an appointment with the Tax Office for when the foreign national is on campus. E-mail itin@uw.edu to set up an appointment. Include in the email the visa status of the applicant and the country they are from. (note: application for an ITIN will delay payment).
		- If NO and would NOT LIKE to claim the tax treaty, payment can be made with the appropriate federal withholding tax at the rate of 30%.
* Send invitation letter to the foreign national to communicate the details of the activity.

**When the individual has arrived on campus:**

* Make a copy of identity page in passport (make sure copy is readable).
* Make a copy of visa and/or port of entry stamp in passport or I-94 (make sure copy is readable).
* If J-1 scholar, make a copy of permission letter & DS 2019.
* Foreign national completes the UW Form 1007, “Foreign National Payment Data Sheet.”
* If eligible for a tax treaty benefit and has U.S. Taxpayer ID number, foreign national completes Form 8233, “Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent Personal Services of Nonresident Alien Individual.”

**If the individual is outside the US:**

* Individual completes W-8BEN

**If eligible for tax treaty benefit and doesn’t have a tax id number, foreign national:**

* Keeps appointment with the Tax Office to file for ITIN (a list of documents that need to be brought to the appointment will be provided by the ITIN unit when the appointment is set up).
	+ <http://finance.uw.edu/tax/students/itins>
* Completes Form W-7.

**Department completes the following:**

* Payment to Individual in Ariba (P2I)
	+ <https://finance.uw.edu/ps/how-to-pay/payments-to-individuals>
* Separate travel reimbursement from the P2I and complete through Expense Report (ER)
* Optional document: UW Form 1632, “Employee versus Independent Contractor Classification”

**Required Documentation in Docusign**

**Department submits the following documents in Docusign for AP review (do not submit sensitive documents in Ariba):**

**Services inside the US attachments:**

* If J-1 scholar, copy of permission letter and DS 2019.
* UW Form 1632 (optional)
* UW Form 1007, “Foreign National Payment Data Sheet.”
* Form 8233, if eligible for tax treaty benefit.
* Copy of passport identity page.
* Copy of visa and/or port of entry stamp in passport or I-94 (make sure copy is readable).
* Copy of UW departmental invitation letter.
* Invoice for services provided by the foreign national.
* If making the payment by wire, fill out and attach wire transfer information form: <https://finance.uw.edu/ps/how-pay/wire-payments>

**Services outside the US attachments:**

* Individual completes W-8BEN
* Copy of UW departmental invitation letter.
* Invoice for services provided by the foreign national.
* If making the payment by wire, fill out and attach wire transfer information form: <https://finance.uw.edu/ps/how-pay/wire-payments>

**Pay the foreign national (all selections will be available in Ariba):**

* Will pick up check from Mailing Services (ready in within 10 days if Form 8233 was not submitted; 15 days if form was submitted)
* Wire funds (additional fee of $15-25 applies)
* Check should be mailed to directly foreign national’s address

**Important:** Incomplete documentation could result in delayed or rejected requests.