International Honorarium Agreement

Section 431 of the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA) allows academic institutions such as WVU to pay honoraria to international visitors in the United States on Business or Tourist visas (B-1/B-2 or WB/WT) if all of the following conditions are met:

1. You are in the United States performing “usual academic activities” (for example providing a guest lecture or participation in a seminar) at an institution of higher education, and
2. You will only be at WVU for less than 9 days and
3. You have not received payment or reimbursement from more than five U.S. institutions (including WVU) in the past 6 months.

Furthermore, I understand that all honorarium payments made by WVU to foreign nationals who are considered a non-resident alien for income tax purposes will be subject to 30% tax withholding in accordance with Internal Revenue Service policy and that this will be withheld upfront from the payment I receive unless a tax treaty applies. I agree to provide WVU Tax Services with documentation to assess my income tax status at their request, prior to being issued an honorarium payment.

By signing below, I am stating that I meet all of the conditions to be eligible to receive an honorarium payment from West Virginia University.

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Signature       Date

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Printed Name