

J-1 Visa Student and Scholar Responsibilities

J-1 Visa Students and Scholars are responsible for learning, understanding, and complying with U.S. Federal Laws and Regulations. Failure to do so will violate the student's/scholar's legal status in the U.S.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Report address changes to the Office of Global Engagement

J-1 scholars are required to report a change of address **within 10 days** to the Office of Global Engagement. The office is required and authorized to provide this and other data to the federal government electronically via the SEVIS system. Updating your information in BANNER will not update your information in our database. Students and scholars who are subject to the USCIS Special Registration Procedures must also report their address change within 10 days to the USCIS.

See: <https://www.uscis.gov/addresschange>

Report Departure Date and Reason to Office of Global Engagement. J-1 scholars are required to inform Global Engagement if they plan to leave the university **before** the expiration date of their DS-2019 form and provide an explanation.

Report Changes in Program to Office of Global Engagement

Students must notify Global Engagement whenever there is a change in their academic program or program dates.

Abide by Employment Regulations

J-1 scholars may conduct research or teach only at Utah State University, unless specifically authorized ahead of time by Global Engagement. Scholars must contact the office if invited to speak or consult at another institution, **before** participating in such activities.

Maintain Adequate Health Insurance

J-1 students and scholars, and their dependents are required to have medical insurance coverage throughout their stay in the U.S.

Medical insurance must meet the following minimum benefits:

- At least \$100,000 per accident or illness.
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000.
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the exchange visitor to his or her home country in the amount of \$50,000.
- A deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.

Apply for an extension prior to the DS-2019 expiration

Students and scholars must apply for an extension before their DS-2019 form expires to stay at USU past their program expiration/end date.

Length of Stay

- Scholars in Research Scholar or Professor categories: Five years maximum

- Short-term scholars: Six months
- Specialists: One year, no extension allowed
- Students may stay in J-1 status for the duration of their academic program or duration of status.

Distance Education Limits

Only one online/distance education class of 3 credits per semester may count towards the full course of study requirement. If a student needs only one course to finish his or her program of study, it cannot be taken through online/distance education. There must be a physical presence. Students in language study programs are not permitted to take any online/distance education classes. If a student remains in the U.S. without reporting to any class, it becomes a security issue and will not be allowed.

J-1 Scholar Employment

Scholars are to be employed and paid for the work indicated on the DS-2019 form, as stated by his/her employer and must be directly related to their program. Scholars may occasionally give lectures or consultations in areas related to their program, if they have approval in writing, in advance from the Alternate/Responsible Officer of the J-1 program sponsor.

Obtain travel signature(s) prior to departing the US

Students and scholars should obtain their international advisor's signature on their DS-2019 prior to traveling outside the US, back to student's/scholar's home country or other country.

Receive Transfer Authorization prior to leaving Utah State University

Students and scholars must receive authorization from Global Engagement before leaving Utah State in order to transfer to another institution.

Depart the US within a 30-day grace period

Student and scholars must depart the US within 30 days of the DS-2019 expiration date or program end date, whichever is earlier, unless they have applied for a change of status with the USCIS.

I give the office of Global Engagement permission to use any photos taken of me at any USU event or international club event, for any purpose or need of the Global Engagement Office.

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read the information above and understand the responsibilities explained. I understand that the information on this form is not exhaustive and is subject to change without notice. The Office of Global Engagement is available to assist me in obtaining up-to-date information on U.S. immigration laws and USU policies, but that it is my sole responsibility to stay informed of such laws and policies. If at any time, I have questions or concerns pertaining to my legal status, I understand that I may contact the Office of Global Engagement or visit the website, globalengagement.usu.edu.

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____