

F-1 On-Campus Employment

On-campus employment is defined as employment that occurs on the premises of Yale University or for which you receive a Yale paycheck, including “employment pursuant to the terms of a scholarship, fellowship or assistantship”.

To be eligible for on-campus employment you must be enrolled in a full course of study and remain enrolled full-time. Students may work “on campus” up to 20 hours per week* (each week) when school is in session, and full-time (more than 20 hours a week) during holiday and vacation periods. PhD programs are always considered “in session”, and PhD students are therefore always subject to the 20 hours per week limitation. A new F-1 student who has been issued an initial form I-20 may work up to, but no more, than 30 days prior to the commencement of classes.

If you pursue on-campus employment, you must [apply for a Social Security Number](#). [1]

** F-1 students may work up to 20 hours a week while school is in session per federal immigration regulations, but per [Yale policy](#) [2] students may not work more than 19 hours (combined for all jobs) in any week during the academic terms.*

Special Note for PhD Students

Doctoral degree programs at Yale are always considered to be “in session”. PhD students are therefore subject to the 20 hours per week “on-campus” employment limitation throughout the year, including during the Summer months. TF appointments are considered “on campus” employment. Additionally, per [Yale GSAS policy](#) [3], PhD students seeking non-fellowship employment beyond an average of 10 hours per week must request permission from their DGS in consultation with the appropriate Dean.

What is Considered On-Campus Employment?

Type 1: Employment at Yale University

Any on-campus work for which you receive a paycheck (or other compensation, such as room and board, etc.) from Yale University or Yale Health.

Type 2: On-Campus Work affiliated with an On-Site Commercial Firm on Yale's Premises

This includes work on Yale's campus for a commercial firm if and only if this work provides direct services to Yale students. Prior approval from OISS is required.

Type 3: Certain Off-Campus Employment

Where there is an official educational relationship between Yale and the off-campus employer. With prior approval from OISS, immigration (USCIS) regulations allow work at an off-campus location provided the:

- location is educationally affiliated with Yale,
- educational affiliation is associated with your school's established curriculum or is related to a graduate level research project which your school has contracted to perform, and
- work is an integral or important part of your program of study.

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[1] <https://oiss.yale.edu/legal/ssn> [2] <https://your.yale.edu/policies-procedures/policies/3600-student-employment-and-student-stipends#:~:text=Students%20may%20not%20work%20greater,termination%20of%20a%20student's%20employment.> [3] <https://gsas.yale.edu/resources/graduate-financial-aid/student-employment#:~:text=If%20you%20seek%20part%2Dtime,dean%20of%20the%20Graduate%20School.>