Every full-time degree student at Yale is eligible for the F-1 visa and the majority of Yale international students hold this visa status. Some students may also be eligible for the J-1 student visa, an exchange visitor option. The J-1 visa is part of a larger U.S. Department of State mission to foster cultural and educational exchange between countries. To be eligible for the J-1 student visa, a substantial portion of your financial support must be from a source other than your personal assets. This can include Yale funding or scholarship from another organization. Students with only personal or family funding are NOT eligible for J-1 status. There are a few basic differences between the F-1 and J-1 visa types, which are outlined in the chart below.

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<th>F-1 Status</th>
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<td>Source of Funding</td>
<td>No funding source requirements. Can be funded through personal, Yale, or independent scholarships.</td>
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<td>On-Campus Employment</td>
<td>Part time (up to 20 hours/week) when school is in session, full-time during periods of recess.</td>
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<td>Off-Campus Employment</td>
<td>Optional Practical Training - up to 12 month period per degree level of training directly related to their studies. No job offer required prior to application.</td>
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<td>Dependents</td>
<td>F-2 dependents are not eligible for employment.</td>
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<td>Requirement to Return Home Upon Program Completion</td>
<td>No requirement to return home upon program completion.</td>
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