**Understanding J-1 Status**

Learn about what J-1 Status is and what it means.

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Applying for a Visa

Yale University has been approved by the U.S. Department of State to sponsor J-1 Exchange Visitors participating in academic research, teaching and observation at Yale.
Employment

Scholars should not accept any new employment without first checking with OISS.

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 Maintaining Legal Status

During your appointment at Yale it is critical that you follow the J-1 regulations to maintain legal status.

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Traveling

All international scholars and family members planning to depart from the U.S. and return after a temporary absence must have a valid passport in order to exit the U.S.
Transferring & Leaving Yale

A J-1 Exchange Visitor may change employers or schools, which is referred to as a “transfer.” They may transfer from one designated Exchange Visitor program to another designated program provided the J-1 time does not exceed the maximum permitted by their J-1 category.

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Spouses, Partners & Children

The spouse or partner and dependent children of the J-1 Exchange Visitor are eligible for J-2 status and may use this status to accompany the J-1 individual to the U.S.

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