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 (e.g. a Research Scholar J-1 category has 5 years.) J-1 scholars intending to transfer to another program should discuss their plans with their OISS adviser, as well as with the international office (not just the hiring department) of the new school. The transfer is processed through an update in the J-1 scholar's SEVIS record and must be completed prior to the end date as noted on the form DS-2019. There can not be any gap of time between the two schools.

Scholars leaving Yale and transferring to another J-1 program must inform OISS of their intention to transfer to another J-1 program by filling out the Transfer Release Form [1].

Scholars transferring to Yale need to be sure they have time to clear the Yale new employee background check [2] before the transfer start date.

Source URL: https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/j-1-scholars/transferring-leaving-yale

Links:
[1] https://yale.box.com/v/j1-transfer-out
[2] https://your.yale.edu