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 [1], 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 [2] and uploading it to a “Transfer Out” request in their OISS Connect account [3].

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

Links:
[1] https://oiss.yale.edu/about/connect-with-oiss