

## 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 (e.g. a Research Scholar J-1 category has 5 years.) Use this request to request your J-1 SEVIS record be released by Yale to your new institution.

### When to Make This Request

The J-1 SEVIS transfer-out process is initiated by the J-1 scholar. Once you've confirmed your transfer plans, including transfer eligibility approval by your new institution, you can begin the process to request your J-1 SEVIS record to be released by Yale to your new institution.

### Speak with Your OISS Adviser

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 or employer. 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 programs.

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## How to Make the Transfer Out Request in MyOISS

### Next Steps after Submitting this Request

Once your steps are completed, your current Yale department and new institution will need to complete their parts before OISS can schedule your J-1 program transfer in SEVIS. Once all steps have been completed, Yale OISS will process the transfer request in SEVIS and send email confirmation within 3-4 business days.

### Important Note About Travel

Under U.S. Department of State policy, individuals who hold J status who travel internationally after transferring to a new J program will need a new J visa before returning to the United States under the sponsorship of the new program, even if the current J visa is still valid. For this reason we strongly recommend individuals do not travel internationally within the short time frame of the transfer process.

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## General Information

Read the [Leaving Yale page](#) [2] for helpful general information on leaving Yale.

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### Links

[1] <https://oiss.yale.edu/about/connect-with-oiss> [2] <https://oiss.yale.edu/campus-community-life/for-scholars/practical-matters/leaving-yale>

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