Understanding J-1 Status

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

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Applying for a Visa

You must apply for your visa well in advance of your arrival, as it can in some instances take several weeks and occasionally longer, to obtain the J-1 student visa. The Department of State has instructed U.S. consulates that they may issue a J-1 visa no more than 120 days in advance of the program start date.

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Employment

J-1 on-campus employment is defined as employment that occurs on the premises of Yale University or for which you receive a Yale paycheck.

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Maintaining Legal Status

As a J-1 student at Yale University, you have been admitted for a specific period of time to engage in your particular area of study, as described on your DS-2019 form.
Traveling

All international students 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 To and From Yale

An Exchange Visitor may transfer from one designated Exchange Visitor program to another designated program in the same J-1 category.
Spouses, Partners & Children

The spouse or partner and dependent children of the J-1 Student Exchange Visitor are eligible for J-2 status and may use this status to accompany the J-1 individual to the U.S. To be eligible for J-2 your child must not be over the age of 21.

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