J-1 Short-Term Scholar

**Duration:**
6 months

**Processing Information:**
- Processed by OISS
- Allow 6 to 8 weeks* for OISS to process and send immigration document to scholar

*Does not include time waiting for a visa appointment [2] and USCIS's visa processing time

**Use at Yale:**
- Lab Associate
- Visiting Faculty
- Visiting Fellow
- Postdoctoral Appointment (if < 6 months)
- Postgraduate (if < 6 months)

**Considerations:**
- Fastest non-immigrant option; takes the least amount of time to process.
- Not be subject to the [12 or 24 month bar](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/j-1-scholars/understanding-j-1-status/understanding-the-12-and-24-month-bars) [3], which they would be if using the J-1 Research Scholar/Professor category.
- Dependents hold J-2 status and can apply for work authorization.
- May be subject to the [two year home country resident requirement](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/j-1-scholars/understanding-j-1-status/two-year-home-country-residence-requirement) [4].
- May transfer [5] between different U.S. schools inside the U.S but there can be no gap between employers.

*About J-1 Visas [6]*

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**Links**
[3] https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/j-1-scholars/understanding-j-1-status/understanding-the-12-and-24-month-bars