

J-1 Visa Application Checklist

An international student applying for a J-1 student visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad will need to present the following:

- DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility Form provided by OISS at the University of Redlands
- Letter of admission provided by University of Redlands
- Financial support documents (Current proof of support that would meet expenses for program duration as indicated on Form DS-2019 (i.e. bank statements, award letters or loan approval letters)
- Passport that MUST be valid for a minimum of six months into the future at the time of entry
- Form DS-160. Go to travel.state.gov and type "DS-160" in the search box to find this form.
- Two photos that meet current requirements.
- Machine Readable Visa (MRV) fee, currently \$131 USD
- Visa reciprocity fee may be required by home country. For more information, please visit: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/fees/reciprocity-by-country.html>
- Receipt for payment of \$180 SEVIS fee

To maintain legal J-1 student status in the U.S.

- Have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months
- Have a valid visa (Canadian citizens exempt)
- Have a valid Electronic I-94 Form
- Have a valid Form DS-2019 with accurate information (if necessary, keep the Form DS-2019 valid by requesting timely extensions, changes in academic program, or transfers; ensure that the Form DS-2019 is signed by the OISS before traveling outside of the U.S.
- Attend the institution the student is authorized to attend
- Notify OISS of any changes in planned arrival date
- Enter the U.S. no more than 30 days before the program start date indicated on Form DS-2019 and no more than 30 days after the program start date
- Maintain full-time status in the prescribed course of study as defined by the academic program with the exception of regular school breaks or special permission from OISS
- Maintain all terms of health insurance required by OISS
- Make progress toward completing the academic program within the time frame allowed on the Form DS-2019
- Do not work on-campus or off-campus without prior approval from an advisor in OISS, in accordance with J-1 regulations

- Report any changes of address to OISS and to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by completing Form AR-11 which can be downloaded **here at the USCIS website**.
- Depart the U.S. no longer than 30 days after the program end date on Form DS-2019, or immediately upon completing the academic program, if earlier than the anticipated end date, unless academic training or a transfer has been approved