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J-1 Exchange Student Application Packet

OVERVIEW OF J -1 VISA

The J Exchange Visitor program is a temporary program and J-Visa holders should have no immigrant intent. This visa category should not be used for permanent employment positions or to seek Permanent Residency in the United States.

The J Exchange Visitor classification authorized by I.N.A. § 101(a)(15)(J) was developed to implement the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hayes Act) of 1961 [Public Law 8756, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 2451, et seq. (e) -4(o)-5 (r)- Tf 458.02 554.5

national and cultural exchanges. The U.S. Department of State administers the federal regulations and policies governing the Exchange Visitor Program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL J -1 EXCHANGE VISITORS

There are a few basic requirements for all J1 Exchange Visitors:

- 1) Intent to pursue appropriate activity
- 2) Intent to return to home country (as determined by Consular Officer)
- 3) Appropriate background for program activity (the J1 Exchange Visitor meets appropriate application requirements)
- 4) Adequate English proficiency (a letter from your university stating proficiency will be adequate)

LIMITATIONS – DURATION OF STAY AND EMPLOYMENT

- x Limited to a minimum stay of 3 weeks and maximum stay of 24 months for non-degree students
- x Must be enrolled for full-time study for duration of program
- x May work up to 20 hours on campus during regular university semesters. May work up to 40 hours per week on campus during holidays (i.e. Spring Break, Christmas vacation)
- x May qualify for Academic Training work authorization for off-campus employment

SEVIS FEE & VISA FEES

Prospective J Exchange Visitors are required to pay certain fees, described below, in order to obtain their visas and enter the United States.

SEVIS Fee: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security charges all new a \$200 fee to cover the costs of the Student and Exchange
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States. The Office of Immigration and International Admissions will provide prospective J exchange

REQUIRED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All students must show proof of financial support prior to completion of immigration documents. Please see the chart below for fees necessary for study in USA. Please provide a bank statement, bank letter, and/or governmental financial guarantee for amount per semester you will attend. If sponsored by family member or friend, please have the sponsor complete the J-1 Affidavit of Support at KWWSV.ZZZ.VRXWKDODEDPD.HGX.GHSDUWPHQWV.HANDSUBMITWITHFINANCIALDOCUMENTS and submit with their financial document(s).

Fees	Fall	Spring	Summer
Living Expenses (housing/meals)	\$3	\$3,	\$
Books and Supplies	\$300	\$300	\$300
Miscellaneous fees	\$	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$ (includes summer)	
TOTAL	\$		\$ sssssITAIA(I)3.ETAA(I)3.RE

*Graduate students may incur additional fees for graduate, departmental courses. Please visit w.southalabama.edu/bulletin/current for more information. All fees are subject to change without notice.

APPLICATION STEPS FOR J-1

Step 1: The J1 applicant should complete Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Application for J and sign the statement at the end of Section 3.

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SECTION 2: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Funding must be arranged prior to issuance of 209 form. Please see the expenses chart on page 2 of this form for appropriate fees.

If funds are from an organization, grant, or government support, please attach a signed copy of any letters of award or sponsorship. If submitting funds, please attach a bank statement. If sponsored by a family member or friend, please have the sponsor complete the J-1 Affidavit of Support (Form I-867) and submit with their financial document(s). All forms of financial documentation should be not more than 6 months old of funding must accompany this form.

SOURCES OF FUNDS

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