

Travel Survey for J-1 Scholars

If you plan to **depart** the United States with an **intent to return** at a future time to continue your current Exchange Visitor Program, please remember that you are required to provide the following at a U.S. Port of Entry (air, land or sea). **Please initial each item below:**

- _____ **Valid passport.** A valid passport is a passport that has not yet expired. When entering the U.S., your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the end date of your program, **unless your country is exempt** from this requirement. Exempt countries, known as the six-month club, can be found [here](#).
- _____ **Valid J-1 visa.** A valid visa is a visa that has not yet expired. When entering the U.S., your visa must be valid **on** the date of entry. **If your visa has expired, it can only be renewed at a U.S. Embassy abroad.** If there is a need to renew your visa, we recommend that you schedule a visa appointment at a U.S. Consulate in your country of legal permanent residence or citizenship. Keep in mind that a visa is required for travel to the U.S., but allowed to expire while you are physically in the US.
- _____ **Valid DS-2019.** A valid DS-2019 is one that has not yet expired based on the program end date (see your DS-2019, section 3, “from and to” period of time).
- _____ **Valid travel signature.** You must obtain a travel signature on your DS-2019 from the ISSS office in order to re-enter in J-1 “status”. The travel signature is valid for **one year** and must be valid on the date of re-entry to the U.S.

Important: As a participant in a J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, you are allowed to re-enter the U.S. after an absence of **30 days or less**. If your absence is greater than 30 days, a **Temporary - Out of Country Absence** authorization is required to keep your SEVIS record ACTIVE and allow re-entry. If your departure will be greater than 30 days, please submit the **Temporary - Out of Country Absence** E-form through [UAtlas](#).

Please provide the following information (so we can determine if an Out of Country approval is needed):

- Estimated date of departure from the U.S.: _____
- Estimated date of re-entry to the U.S.: _____

Remember:

- Within a few days of re-entry to the U.S., retrieve and print a copy of your **I-94**. Your I-94 identifies your **legal status** in the U.S. and can be found at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov>. Keep a copy for your records and e-mail a copy to the J-1 Scholar Team at internationalscholars@utah.edu.
- **Note:** After program completion and/or expiration of your DS-2019, you are given a **30 day grace period** to travel throughout the U.S. If you depart the U.S. during this time, you are **not** authorized to **re-enter**, even if you have a valid visa, since your exchange program has ended.

By signing below, you are confirming that you plan to return to the University of Utah after a temporary absence abroad to continue your original program objectives as listed in section #4 of your DS-2019.

Exchange Visitor name (print) Signature University ID# Date

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