



## SPONSORSHIP CONTINUATION FORM DS-2019 PROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS

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According to the copy of your most recent Form I-94 (Arrival/ Departure Record) submitted with your sponsorship continuation application, you were admitted to the United States as a J-1 Exchange Visitor for Duration of Status (D/S). If this is not correct, and anything other than "J-1, D/S" is listed on your I-94 card, please contact ECFMG immediately.

Maintaining J-1 visa status requires possession of both the original Form DS-2019 and a valid Form I-94. Legal visa status is contingent upon continual maintenance of sponsorship and participation in the approved program. Any proposed changes or amendments to the approved sponsored program (leaves of absence, amendments to training dates, etc.) must be pre-approved by your ECFMG Regional Advisor.

ECFMG recommends that the host institution make a photocopy of Form DS-2019 for its records.

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### Additional Reminders:

- Address Reporting:
  1. Federal regulations require *all foreign nationals* to notify the USCIS of any changes in their residential address. All J-1 and J-2 visa-holders must complete and submit Form AR-11 to the USCIS. Form AR-11 is available from the USCIS website (<http://www.uscis.gov>). Do not send Form AR-11 to ECFMG. Willful failure to register with the DHS/USCIS or give written notice of a change of address is a criminal offense.
  2. All subsequent address changes must be reported to ECFMG and DHS/USCIS immediately.
- Passports. DHS requires all foreign nationals to maintain a valid, unexpired passport.
- Travel and Re-Entry from Abroad. Requirements of the DHS and US Embassies and Consulates regarding the issuance of a visa and travel to and from the US are subject to change at any time. ECFMG urges you to review current requirements prior to making travel plans to assure that you have the appropriate documents and adequate vacation time to allow for processing procedures. See <http://www.travel.state.gov/> and <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/> for additional information. Travel documents should be obtained BEFORE making final travel arrangements.
- Under Department of State regulations, sponsors such as ECFMG are required to provide exchange visitors with the mailing address and email address of the Exchange Visitor Program Services at the Department of State: U.S. Department of State, Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation, ECA/EC/PS-SA-44, Rm. 734, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547 [JVISAS@STATE.GOV](mailto:JVISAS@STATE.GOV)

Thank you for your attention.

Please contact the Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program at (215) 823-2121 with any questions.

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