

United States Immigration Laws & Regulations: *Responsibilities of J-1 Exchange Visitors*

As a J-1 exchange visitor, YOU are responsible for maintaining legal status while in the United States.

- ❑ **EVs must maintain a valid DS-2019 and a valid passport at all times.**
- ❑ **EVs and their J-2 dependents must maintain health insurance during the entire exchange period.** The insurance must meet the minimum requirements of the Department of State.
- ❑ **EVs are required to report any change of address, phone number, or email address directly to the Office of International Education within 10 days of the change.**
- ❑ **EVs must apply for an extension prior to the expiration date on the Form DS-2019.** If an EV needs additional time beyond the program end date listed on the DS-2019, the sponsoring department must contact the Responsible Officer at International Education to request a program extension BEFORE the current DS-2019 expires.
- ❑ **EVs and their J-2 dependents must leave the U.S. within 30 days of the Form DS-2019 end date or program completion date, whichever occurs first.** EVs that complete their program more than 30 days in advance of the DS-2019 end date should have their department notify the RO at the Office of International Education so that the SEVIS record can be updated accordingly.
- ❑ **EVs may only work at the location(s) listed on the Form DS-2019 related to their original program objectives.** Request for permission to engage in any additional employment allowable under federal regulations, such as an occasional lecture, must be directed to the J-1 Responsible Officer in the Office of International Education PRIOR to beginning any such employment.
- ❑ **EVs must report changes in funding sources to the Office of International Education.**
- ❑ **EVs needing an extended leave of absence or early program departure to return home must contact the Office of International Education before leaving the U.S.**
- ❑ **EVs are required to report changes regarding their J-2 dependents.** This includes adding a new J-2 dependent or the permanent departure of an existing J-2 dependent from the U.S.
- ❑ **EVs are responsible for checking their @shockers.wichita.edu email account.** Important information regarding your status will be sent to that address.
- ❑ **EVs that violate their status will accumulate days of unlawful presence.** 180 days of unlawful presence will result in a three year bar from returning to the U.S. One full year of unlawful presence will result in a 10 year bar from returning to the U.S.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This information is not exhaustive and is subject to change without notice. Exchange visitors should contact the Office of International Education at 316-978-3232 to arrange an appointment with WSU's Responsible Officer to discuss concerns related to their status in the U.S.

I have read these regulations and accept full responsibility for maintaining my J-1 status.

EV Signature

Print Name

Date