



US Student Visas

A step-by-step guide



First: wait

- Step 1: send financial documents to host university
- Step 2: wait for visa document ('Certificate of Eligibility') from host university
 - J1: DS-2019
 - F1: I-20
- Step 3: appointment U.S. consulate (see *rest of this presentation*)



DS-2019



U.S. Department of State
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS

OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0119
07/31/2014
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min
*See Page 2

1. Family Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Gender: FEMALE		NO010115209 J-1
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ City of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: NETHERLANDS Citizenship Country Code: NL Citizenship Country: NETHERLANDS		
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: _____ Legal Permanent Residence Country: _____ Position Code: 215 Position: UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS		
Primary Site of Activity: International Academic Programs 106 Red Gym, 716 Langdon St Madison, WI 53706		
2. Program Sponsor: University of Wisconsin-Madison Exchange Visitor Program Number: P-1-00105		
Participating Program Official Description: PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT INTERN; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE		
Purpose of Exchange: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.		
3. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-03-2013 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 12-21-2013		4. Exchange Visitor Category: STUDENT NON-DEGREE Subject/Field Code: 45.0203 Subject/Field Code Remarks: Medical Anthropology, Psychology, Neuroscience
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Current Program Sponsor Funds : \$13,317.00 Personal Funds : \$9,145.00 Total : \$22,462.00		
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE/ DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE):		7. Jason Jonally Name of Official Preparing Form 21 North Park Street, Suite 5101 Madison, WI 53715 Alternate Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer Alternate Responsible Officer Title 608-262-2044 Telephone Number 04-04-2013 Date (mm-dd-yyyy)
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM) Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended. Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature _____		
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(e) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (see item 1(a) of page 2). The Exchange Visitor in the above program: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the two-year residence requirements. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirement based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing and/or B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-484 as amended (ALL USAID PARTICIPANTS C-3-0000 AND ALL ALIEN PHYSICIANS SPONSORED BY P-3-0000 ARE SUBJECT TO THE TWO-YEAR HOME RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT) Name _____ Title _____ Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212 (e).		TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year*) *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel. (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer _____ (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer _____
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document. Signature of Applicant _____ Place _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy) _____		

DS-2019
07-2011

After you receive your visa document (DS-2019 / I-20)

- Pay SEVIS I-901 fee through www.fmjfee.com (J-1: \$180 / F-1: \$200)
- Choose 'Pay I-901 fee'
- Use credit card
- Print payment confirmation



Before appointment consulate



Fill out online DS-160 visa application form:

- On **website U.S. consulate Amsterdam**
<https://nl.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/>
save frequently!
- Questions about: contact information, work and education history, (previous US) travel, family.
- Uploading picture not strictly necessary.

Travel approval through online ESTA
(Electronic System for Travel Authorization)
not for people *with* visa



Make appointment



Through online appointment system consulate
(see previous link, this info is also in Dutch)

Create account to:

- Pay non-immigrant visa (MRV) application fee (\$160)
- Give return address passport
- Select appointment date

Appointment wait times on consulate website (https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-nl/niv/information/visa_wait_times)



Bring to appointment



- A recent American style photo – eye glasses not allowed (for example Color Utrecht, Catharijnesingel 126)
- Your (signed) visa document:
DS-2019 (J-1 visa) or I-20 (F-1 visa)
- Passport
Dutch passport: valid for the duration of your stay,
for other passports this *may* apply: +6 months after departure US
- Proof of SEVIS payment ('I-901') & consulate payment ('MRV' fee)
- DS-160 form US consulate
- Copies of your financial documents (recommended)



At the consulate



- Do not bring:
laptop, tablet or any other such electronic device – a ***mobile phone*** is allowed if you turn your *Bluetooth* off
a (bulky) bag
- Safety controls
- (Long) queues
- A short interview
- Fingerprints



Visa

Sticker in your passport & DS-2019 / I-20 attached to your passport

Passport returned to you in a few days



Visa is valid 30 days before and 30 days after visa / program dates ('grace period')



Registration departure US

Is now done automatically from your electronic travel records.

Except when you entered the US at *land border points of entry* (instead of via air or sea), then you need to 'deregister' yourself: hand in at airport small *white / green* card that is stapled inside your passport (I-94 arrival / departure record form):



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Immigration and Naturalization Service

I-94
Departure Record

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY • U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
ADMITTED
PHO
APR 29 2007
Class
J-1
Unit
D/S

14. Family Name
[REDACTED]

15. First (Given) Name
[REDACTED]

16. Birth Date (Day/Mo/Yr)
[REDACTED]

17. Country of Citizenship
[REDACTED]

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Total costs

- \$180 / \$200 SEVIS
- \$160 visa fee consulate
- +/- €10 photo

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about €300 TOTAL



Useful links

- SEVIS: <http://www.fmjfee.com/>
- US Consulate Amsterdam:
<https://nl.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/>
Email: AmsterdamVisa@state.gov , ConsularAmster@state.gov
- FAQ's
 - US consulate:
<https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-nl/niv/information/faqs>
 - Dept of State:
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/frequently-asked-questions/about-basics.html>
- www.fulbright.nl

