

Foreign National Orientation

URA/Fermi National
Accelerator Laboratory
For J-1 Visa Holders

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Visa Application

- Contact US Embassy/Consulate for application instructions. Many have web pages that can be found at <http://usembassy.state.gov/>
- Complete and sign reverse of IAP-66/DS-2019 forms, white and pink sheet. Primary completes forms for dependents as well if traveling separately.

Fermilab Orientation

- If you are a Guest Scientist or a Research Associate: Your first day of work at Fermi should be on a Monday or the first of the month.
 - At 8:30 on your first day of work, please report to the Conference Room in Wilson Hall 15NW for orientation.
- If you are a Visiting Scientist, please report to the Visa Office on your first day of arrival. Wilson Hall, 15SE
- Prior to arrival, if you will be waiving Fermilab medical insurance, you must have the approval of the Benefit Office for the Medical Insurance Waiver Form sent in your visa packet. Otherwise, you will not be allowed to obtain a visitor or employee ID or commence your research/training activities.

J Program Descriptions

■ Researcher

- Provide courses of study, lecturing and research opportunities in fields of research conducted by URA. Promote general interest of international education and cultural exchange.
 - Researcher 3 year maximum
 - Short Term Scholar – 6 mo. maximum, no renewal

■ Trainee

- Provide specialized training opportunities at Fermilab in fields of Science, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics, and Industrial Occupations in interest of international education and cultural exchange
 - 18 month maximum

Responsible Officer

- Universities Research Association

- Ezra Heitowit

- Vice President

- 1111 19th St. NW, Suite 400

- Washington, DC 20036

- 202.293.1382

- The Responsible Officer is the individual responsible for approving IAP-66/DS-2019 forms and for revalidation of IAP-66/DS-2019 forms as necessary.

IAP-66 form

- Keep your IAP-66/DS-2019 form with your passport at all times
- If you will be traveling abroad, revalidation(having the responsible officer sign the back of your IAP-66/DS-2019) is recommended every six months. Please allow at least one week for completion since authorization is obtained from Washington, DC.

Travel



- Please contact the Visa Office one month prior to any foreign travel to determine what may be necessary for your travel, if a new visa will be necessary or if revalidation of your IAP-66/DS-2019 form will be necessary for readmission.

Medical Insurance



- **REQUIRED** as part of Exchange Visitor Program
 - Fermilab's insurance covers minimum requirements
 - If waiving coverage, Your home country Insurer must complete the Medical Insurance Waiver Form and fax to Benefits Office
 - Minimum Requirements are:
 - Medical benefits of at least \$50,000 per person
 - Repatriation of remains of \$7,500
 - Medical Evacuation Expenses of \$10,000
 - Deductible of less than \$500 per accident/illness
 - **MUST** be maintained throughout Exchange Visitor Program

Visa vs Status

- **Visa** — the physical document in your passport.
 - Allows ENTRY into the United States **Only**- does not limit time of stay
 - Usually multiple entry for J visa holders.
 - Length of time determined by visa reciprocity tables
- **Visa Status**- the amount of time INS allows you to stay in the US as a J-1 Exchange Visitor
 - Determined by I-94 card issued at entry to the United States
 - Should be marked D/S- if not, please let us know immediately
 - Determines how long you are allowed to stay in the United States.

Maintaining Status



- It is VERY important to continue to maintain your J status without any breaks while in the US. Failure to do so may bar you from use of the J visa for periods of one to two years.
- J-1 Researcher – 3 year maximum
- J-1 Trainee – 18 month maximum
- If in J status for more than 6 months and you terminate/end program (or fail to maintain your status), you can not re-obtain J status for one full year (two years if you are subject to the home residency requirement).
- Maintenance of Status is YOUR responsibility. Fermilab will assist you, but the final responsibility is yours.

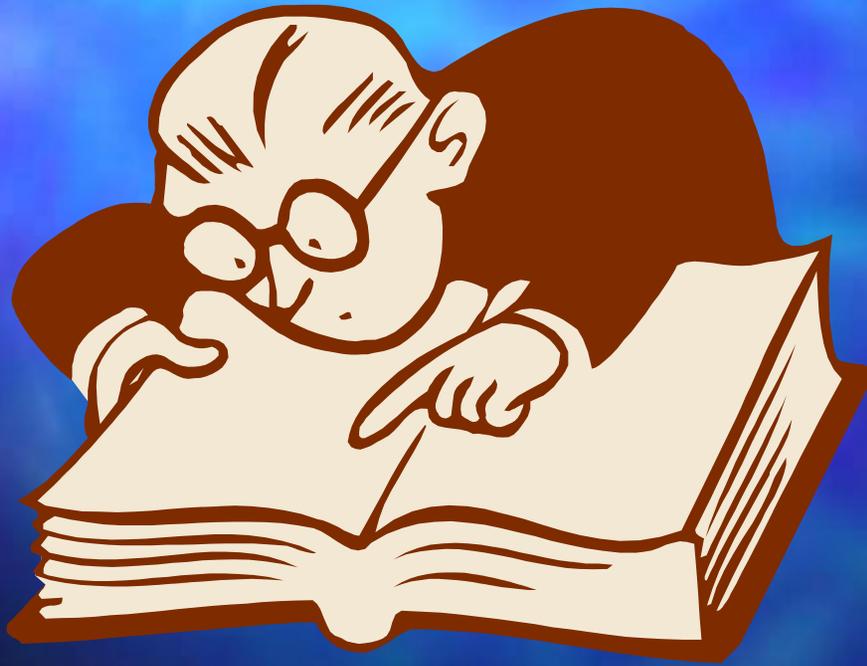
Address Information

- You **MUST** inform the visa office and INS of any changes of address within 10 days of moving.

Section 212(e) of INS Regulations

- Residents of certain countries or persons who receive government financing for their research are subject to a 2 year home residency requirement (Fermilab is not considered to be government financing.) in which they may not accept employment in the US until they have been absent from the US in their home country for 2 calendar years.
- Waivers may be available

Questions?



- Contact Brandi at bmyers@fnal.gov or visaoffice@fnal.gov or 630.840.3933