

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A J-1 SCHOLAR

The J-1 visa is issued for educational and cultural exchange, and a J-1 visitor is expected to return to his or her home country when the exchange program is complete. J-1 Scholars are responsible for complying with US Federal Regulations and laws governing the J visa. Failure to do so will violate their legal status in the US.

Your responsibilities as a J-1 Exchange Visitor at Dickinson College include, but may not be limited to, the following. Please contact the Coordinator for International Student and Scholar Services (CISSS) for specific information which may govern your J status.

Report Address Changes to the CISSS: US Federal Regulations require that all J-1 visitors report a change of address within 10 days to the Responsible Officer at the institution, which is the CISSS at Dickinson College. Willful or negligent failure to do so will lead to the termination of the scholar's program. The CISSS is required to provide the change of address and other scholar data to the federal government electronically. Exchange Visitors who are subject to NSEERS "Special Registration" are also required to complete Form AR-11 to report their address change.

Maintain Adequate Health Insurance: J-1 scholars and their dependents are required to maintain adequate health insurance throughout their stay in the US. Willful failure to do so will lead to program termination.

Abide by Employment Regulations: Scholars may conduct research or teach only at Dickinson College, unless specially authorized ahead of time by the CISSS to give a lecture or consult at another institution.

Report Changes in Program to CISSS: Scholars must notify the CISSS whenever there is a change in their academic program or program dates. Such changes may include additional duties, changes in funding, etc.

Apply for an Extension Prior to the DS-2019 Expiration: Scholars who intend to stay at Dickinson College longer than the date specified on their DS-2019 are required to apply for an extension before the program ends. Scholars in the research Scholar or Professor category currently have a maximum of three (3) years to complete their J-1 program. Short-term scholars have six (6) months.

Receive Transfer Authorization Prior to Leaving Dickinson College: If a scholar wishes to transfer to another program at another institution, he or she must contact the CISSS prior to the completion of this transfer.

Obtain Travel Signature Prior to Departing the US: Scholars should obtain the signature of the CISSS prior to traveling outside of the US.

Report Departure Date and Reason to the CISSS: Sometimes scholars leave Dickinson early or unexpectedly due to a variety of reasons. Scholars are required to inform the CISSS if they plan to leave the university before the scheduled end of their program.

Depart the US within the 30-day Grace Period: Scholar must depart the US within 30 days of the DS-2019 expiration date, or program end date, whichever is earlier, unless they have applied for a change of status with USCIS.