

Request for Exchange Visitor's Dependent DS-2019 Form

This form is for J-1 visa exchange visitors who wish to invite their dependents (spouse or unmarried children under 21 years old) to join them during their J-1 visa program in the United States. Each J-2 dependent requires a dependent J-2 Certificate of Eligibility DS-2019. In order to receive a dependent DS-2019 Form, please submit the following documents to the International Faculty and Scholar Services:

- J-1 exchange visitor's original DS-2019
- Copy of the dependent's valid passport name page
- Completed page 3 of this Request (see attached)
- Proof of financial support.

Total financial arrangements must cover the requested period of stay for the program as indicated on the visitor's DS-2019 Form. The minimum amount of **funding must show \$500 per month for the spouse and \$300 per month for each child.** Please note that the minimum amount of funding for J-1 exchange visitor must be at least \$1,500 per month. Acceptable funding documents are bank statements, stipend/scholarship letters, assistance letters from the sponsoring organization or agency, or an employment verification letter that indicates salary. All documents must be in English, and include U.S. currency amounts. Please also indicate the persons sponsored and the time period of sponsorship.

Funding: Organization _____ Amount: _____

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Personal Funding: _____ Amount: _____

TOTAL: (including all sources): _____ **Amount:** _____

DS 2019 Processing

The J-1 exchange visitor applying on his or her dependent's behalf will be notified by the Office of International Services once updated J-1 DS-2019 Form and J-2 DS-2019 Form/s are prepared. Select your delivery method for the updated DS-2019 Form/s:

↑ **Pick up at the Office of International Services, MB 1.210**

↑ **Campus Mail to Your UTSA Department**

Each dependent should sign his or her own dependent DS-2019, except in the case of unmarried children under age 14. The dependent will use the DS-2019 to apply for a J-2 visa at the U.S. Embassy/Consulate in their home country.

Insurance for Dependents

All exchange visitors (both J-1 principals and J-2 dependents) are required to have medical, evacuation and repatriation coverage in effect for the duration of your J-1 Program. This insurance should be effective upon arrival in the U.S. Evidence of insurance coverage must be presented to International Faculty and Scholar Services upon arrival. It must last until the day the dependent leaves the U.S.

Evidence of adequate coverage should include:

1. Medical benefits of at least U.S. \$100,000 per person per accident or illness
2. Repatriation of remains in the amount of U.S. \$25,000
3. Expenses associated with medical evacuation in the amount of U.S. \$50,000
4. Deductible of no more than U.S. \$500
5. Any foreign policy plan or contract must be at minimum underwritten by an insurance corporation having: 1) An A.M. Best rating of A- or above, 2) An Insurance Solvency International, Ltd. Rating of A- or above, 3) A Standard and Poor's Claims-paying Ability rating of A or above, or 4) A Weiss Research, Inc. rating of B+ or above. Foreign policy plans must be translated into English and list U.S. currency.

A willful failure to maintain insurance requirements is considered to be a violation of the Exchange Visitor Program and may result in immediate termination of their records.

J-2 Visa Dependent Employment and Study

Dependents in J-2 visa status are allowed to be employed in the U.S. only with work permission from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). J-2 dependents can apply for work permission as long as their employment is not for the purpose of supporting the J-1 Exchange Visitor. J-2 dependents can only work as long as the J-1 principal is eligible to stay in the U.S.

There is no restriction on a J-2 dependent studying in the United States. J-2 dependents can only study as long as the J-1 principal is eligible to stay in the U.S.

Extension of J-2 Status

Dependents in J-2 status are permitted to stay in the U.S. only to the extent that the J-1 principal is authorized to stay.

Travel Abroad and Re-entry

A J-2 dependent who wishes to travel outside the U.S. for a temporary visit and re-enter the U.S. should follow the same procedures as a J-1 principal. Proper documentation to re-enter the U.S. includes:

- A valid passport and visa
- A currently valid Form DS-2019 properly endorsed for travel by the International Faculty & Scholar Services

Reporting Upon Arrival

Upon arrival to the United States J-2 dependents must report to the International Faculty & Scholar Services with the following:

- Stamped DS-2019
- Valid (unexpired) Passport
- Visa
- I-94

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR INFORMATION

Last, first name: _____ SEVIS ID: _____
 Local Address: _____
 Program Start Date: _____ Program End Date: _____
 Hiring Department: _____
 Supervisor's Name: _____

J-2 DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Number of accompanying dependents (spouse, child/ren under the age of 21 y.o.), who will join you during J-1 Exchange visitor's program in the United States.

Please print legibly. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Biographic Information	DEPENDENT 1	DEPENDENT 2	DEPENDENT 3
Last Name			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Date of Birth			
City of Birth			
Gender			
Relationship (spouse or child)			
Country of Birth			
Country of Citizenship			
Country of Legal Permanent Residence			

I hereby certify that I am aware of the health insurance requirements and that my dependents and I will comply with the health insurance requirement. Furthermore, I understand that I must provide proof of insurance for health, repatriation and evacuation for each dependent to the International Faculty & Scholar Services at the time of my dependent/s arrival into the United States.

Signature _____ Date _____