



International Student & Scholar Services Office

**F1 vs. J1 Student Visa**

VISA TYPE	DOCUMENT TYPE	DURATION	DEPENDENT	WORK BENEFITS	FINANCIAL EVIDENCE (F OR J?)
<b>F-1 visa student</b>	I-20 Form required for application	Non-immigrant visa: Must prove that there <b>is no intent to immigrate</b>	F-2 dependents cannot work and cannot attend classes in a degree program unless they change status to F-1	F1 may apply for Curricular Practical Training or Optional Practical Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-20 may be issued to cover the dates of entire program if financial documentation is provided for the first year.</li> <li>Student is self-sponsored, sponsored by family or supported through a scholarship, fellowship.</li> </ul>
<b>J-1 visa student</b>	DS-2019 Form required for application	Non-immigrant visa: Must prove that there is no intent to immigrate  May be subject to the two year residency requirement	J-2 dependents may attend full time or part time classes and are eligible to apply for work authorization.	J1s may apply for Academic Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DS-2019 must be issued only for the dates that a student can show funding. If student only has funding for one year, the DS-2019 dates will cover only that amount of time but is eligible for an extension.</li> <li>If student is part of an approved Exchange Program, must come on a J1 visa</li> <li>If student is sponsored by home government should come on a J1 visa.</li> </ul>