

Summary of J-1/2 Status

- ✓ Contact the Fermilab Visa Office with any doubts or questions.
- ✓ Review the Exchange Visitor J-1 Orientation PowerPoint presentation sent to you by the Visa Office.
- ✓ Carefully follow the rules and procedures set by the Consulate where you will apply for your visa.
- ✓ Keep the Visa Office advised of the status of your visa application or interview. Tell us as soon as the visa is issued, and when your arrival date in the U.S. is set.
- ✓ During admission, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer will stamp your DS-2019 form and staple a white I-94 Entry/Departure Card in your passport. Immediately check that there are no errors on the stamp or card, before you leave the Officer's desk. Specifically, check the date on the stamp and the status given to you (J-1, J-2 respectively) to make sure the dates/notation on the DS-2019 and I-94 are the same. The end date of your stay should be denoted as D/S (Duration of Stay).
- ✓ Keep the DS-2019 form and I-94 card with your passport at all times.
- ✓ Notify the Visa Office if you move residences, so that Fermilab always has a correct residential address for you.
- ✓ Submit an AR-11 form to the US Department of Homeland Security within 10 days of moving to a new residence. Failure to submit an AR-11 form within 10 days is a deportable offense. It can be found at www.uscis.gov/AR-11.
- ✓ Obtain a signature of good standing (revalidation) on your DS-2019 form every 6 months from the Visa Office to re-enter the U.S. Before traveling, make sure that the signature will be less than 6 months old at the time you seek re-admission to the U.S.
- ✓ If the visa stamp in your passport is expired or will expire while you are traveling outside the U.S., notify the Visa Office immediately, providing a summary of your travel plans.
- ✓ Each time you re-enter the US, provide the Fermilab Visa Office with a copy of your new I-94 card.
- ✓ Do not accept funding from any institution other than your home employer outside the U.S. or the Program Sponsor as listed on your DS-2019, unless you have Visa Office approval.
- ✓ If another institution offers to reimburse your travel expenses, contact the Visa Office to obtain travel reimbursement authorization.