

Important Information for J-Visa Exchange Visitors and their Dependents Regarding International Travel and/or Extension of Program

United States federal regulations clearly state that a J-2 dependant's stay in the United States is valid only while the J-1 participant maintains status inside the United States. If a J-1 exchange visitor leaves the United States for "any significant period of time" it is not legitimate for the dependent(s) to remain in the United States. However, the period of time is not specified in the regulations.

To assist our J-1 exchange visitors and to protect the status of their dependents, we provide the following guidelines to define the conditions and period of time that determine an appropriate absence from the United States by the J-1 exchange visitor while their dependents remain in the country:

1. If you complete your program early, your dependents must depart with you.
2. Any absence of more than 30 days by the J-1 exchange visitor;
3. An absence of any length by the J-1 exchange visitor if that visitor has abandoned their residence in the United States for any reason and/or resumed full-time employment outside the United States.
4. An absence of any length by the J-1 exchange visitor if that visitor fails to pursue the activities for which they were admitted to the United States.

Your endorsement on this policy statement indicates that you understand the necessary conditions and regulations regarding the legal presence of your dependents in the United States, if you travel outside the country.

If your dependents are present in the United States while you are outside the country for a "significant period of time" as defined by the four conditions given above, they will be considered out of status. Such a situation may lead to significant legal difficulties for both the exchange visitor and their dependents and may require appropriate action by the Responsible Officer of the J-visa Exchange Visitor Program at CSU Hayward, including sponsor's notification of termination of the J-1 and J-2 non-immigrant status of the exchange visitor and dependents involved to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Affairs (as required by regulations).

Exchange Visitor Signature

Date