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The purpose of the Exchange Visitor (EV) Program is to provide visitors to the U.S. with an opportunity to participate in educational and cultural programs and to share their experiences upon their return home, as well as to encourage Americans to participate in educational and cultural programs in their country.
**DID YOU KNOW...**

Your J-1 visa is one of three documents required for travel (along with your passport and DS-2019). Although a J-1 visa must be valid to enter the U.S., a valid visa is not required to remain in the U.S.

Some of the most common questions related to a J-1 visa are the following:

Q. If my visa has expired, what do I do?
A. If you are currently in the U.S., an expired visa does not impact your legal status. Your I-94 identifies your legal status and your DS-2019 determines your length of stay.

Q. Can I renew my visa from within the U.S.?
A. No. A visa can only be issued at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad.

Q. If I want to extend my stay in the U.S., do I need a new visa?
A. No. If you would like an extension of stay, please request an extension of your DS-2019. If approved, you will be issued a new DS-2019 with an extended program end date. For more information, please see our DS-2019 Extension Policy Guide.

**DID YOU ALSO KNOW...**

As a J-1 Exchange Visitor you may be eligible to enroll in classes. EV’s are eligible for what is called Incidental Study – study that is secondary to an EV’s primary objective. J-1 Scholars (Research Scholars, Professors, Short-Term Scholars, Student Interns, and Specialists) are here primarily to teach or perform research. Although they are in a status designed for a purpose other than study, if authorized, they can engage in study that is incidental (secondary) to their program objective. Incidental study must be part-time and non-degree seeking. For more information, please see our Incidental Study Policy Guide.
IN THE NEWS...

Follow the links below for full articles:

Real Salt Lake Schedule for MLS is Back

A Decade of International Friendship

Moran Outreach Team and Volunteers Creating COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment for Haiti and Beyond
ISSS ANNOUNCEMENTS...

New Login System Now Live!
ISSS is proud to announce that our new login system, UAtlas, formerly known as iStart, is now live! The new login is available on the home page of our website. For a quick tutorial on how to access UAtlas, please see our Youtube demo. You can also visit our website FAQ page for more information regarding UAtlas. Please note, if you have bookmarked the old iStart login website, that login is no longer working. Please use the login link on our website or go to uatlas.isss.utah.edu in order to access your forms.

When Will ISSS Reopen?
At this time, our office will remain closed at least through the end of July, and we will continue to work remotely. We are available 9:00 AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday through internationalscholars@utah.edu and available for phone appointments with a J-1 Scholar Advisor.

Please stay tuned over the next several weeks for further details on when we will reopen. The University of Utah, and the Office of Global Engagement are working to release further details in order to maintain the safety of both our staff and student/scholar population. We will make this announcement by email and through social media once our office is confirmed to reopen. We thank you for your continued patience during this time in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.

For more information on Campus Safety Precautions, please refer to the Return to Campus Webpage.
The Mighty 5®

If you love nature and want to experience the great outdoors, visit one of the 5 national parks in the state of Utah, known as the Mighty 5. The United States has a total of 61 national parks, but 5 of them are located in Utah, and all are within a ½ day drive of Salt Lake City. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity before you leave so that you can tell your friends and family that you visited a place that looks like the planet Mars. Follow this video of the Mighty 5 for more information.
**FUN FAMILY THINGS TO DO...**

Although Salt Lake City is better known for its great snow during the winter, Utah is an amazing place to be during the Summer.

Here are our TOP PICKS when it comes to fully enjoying what Utah has to offer in the Summer/Fall seasons.

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<td>Red Butte Garden is the largest botanical garden in the Intermountain West. It is located on 100 acres in the foothills on the eastern edge of the University of Utah campus. The Garden has welcomed guests since 1985 and consists of over 21 acres of developed gardens and five miles of hiking trails through an extensive natural area. <strong>Click here for more information.</strong></td>
<td>The Downtown Farmers Market was created in 1992. The market’s vendor mix represents more than 100 farms and ranches from within 250 miles of Salt Lake City. In addition to farm goods, handmade, locally-produce food, beverages and crafts can be found in the market. Make sure to check out this local gem! <strong>Click here for more information.</strong></td>
<td>Park City, despite its reputation as a ski town, offers amazing year-round entertainment, relaxation, and adventure. There are plenty of things to do around town and there’s always something for everyone. A few of the different things you may find there are: the famous Silver Star Café; the Utah Olympic Park; and also a Sunday Market on Main Street. <strong>Click here for more information.</strong></td>
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS...

- Update ISSS of any change in your physical address, phone number, and e-mail address within 10 calendar days of the change through UAtlas.

- Request a travel signature on your DS-2019 if you plan to depart the U.S. and return to continue your exchange program. When you submit your DS-2019 for a travel signature, we will provide a travel survey for you to complete. The travel survey lists information helpful to know to successfully re-enter the U.S.

- Maintain health insurance that meets the requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program for the entire duration of your stay as indicated by the begin date and end date listed on your DS-2019.

- Visit the ISSS website for information and resources related to your J-1 visa.