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...

A form DS-2019 is a Certificate of Eligibility for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. It is called a certificate of eligibility because it demonstrates that one is eligible for an academic or employment based program in the U.S. and is used to apply for a J-1 visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. Also, if you have dependents, they will have their own DS-2019 to apply for a J-2 visa and obtain J-2 dependent status.

If you need more time to complete your J-1 Exchange Visitor program objectives, you may be eligible for a DS-2019 extension. The length of extension is based on a recommendation of the host department and the maximum program length* allowed by your J-1 visa category.

You must initiate a request for an extension of your program, and the request must be done before the program end date as listed on your DS-2019.

Note: An extension of your DS-2019 is not an extension of your visa. Although a valid visa is not required to legally remain in the U.S., it is required to re-enter the U.S. after a departure.

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A form DS-2019 is one of three immigration documents, along with your I-94 and J-1 visa, that work together to allow you to enter and participate in an exchange program in the U.S. Please review our DS-2019 Extension Policy Guide as well as our main J-1 Policy Webpage for more information.
IN THE NEWS...

Help Stop the Spread

With coronavirus transmission rates rising in the Salt Lake Valley and around the state, U of U leadership continues to respond to these changing pandemic conditions. They are asking all faculty, students and staff to do the following:

Get a COVID-19 vaccination if you have not already done so. If you haven’t yet received a COVID vaccine, you are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Visit mychart.med.utah.edu, alert.utah.edu/covid/vaccine or vaccines.gov to schedule your vaccination.

If you are not yet vaccinated, get weekly asymptomatic coronavirus tests. This is a helpful way to protect yourself and those around you because asymptomatic individuals can unknowingly spread the coronavirus to others. The asymptomatic testing centers are open; they offer easy online scheduling; the collection of saliva is fast and efficient (no nasal swabs!); they are free to university faculty, students and staff; and they typically return same-day results. For more information or to schedule an asymptomatic coronavirus test, visit here.

Follow CDC guidelines regarding face masks, which now call for everyone to wear face masks indoors. As virus spread waxes and wanes during the pandemic, these guidelines periodically change. For as long as this or any future pandemic continues, we will likely need to wear face masks when transmission rates increase, and we will be able to remove them as transmission rates decline to low levels. Whether we like it or not, it seems that face masks will be a part of our lives intermittently for some time to come.
Known for having all four seasons (winter, spring, summer, and FALL), Utah has the most beautiful colors during the fall season. And the state is full of different activities available for the season. With temperatures finally going down, and still not the harsh Utah winter, it is a wonderful time to be outside and explore the different things Utah has to offer.

During this season you will find various activities such as the well-known Utah's Cornbelly's at Thanksgiving Point, the Gardner Village Witches, Corn Mazes, plenty of pumpkins, and beautiful hikes on the various mountains surrounding the valley. Check out this website for more fall activities ideas.
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.

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