Travel Survey for J-1 Scholars

If you plan to depart the United States with an intent to return at a future time to continue your current Exchange Visitor Program, please remember that you are required to provide the following at a U.S. Port of Entry (air, land or sea). Please initial each item below:

___  **Valid passport.** A valid passport is a passport that has not yet expired. When entering the U.S., your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the end date of your program, unless your country is exempt from this requirement. Exempt countries, known as the six-month club, can be found here.

___  **Valid J-1 visa.** A valid visa is a visa that has not yet expired. When entering the U.S., your visa must be valid on the date of entry. If your visa has expired, it can only be renewed at a U.S. Embassy abroad. If there is a need to renew your visa, we recommend that you schedule a visa appointment at a U.S. Consulate in your country of legal permanent residence or citizenship. Keep in mind that a visa is required for travel to the U.S., but allowed to expire while you are physically in the US.

___  **Valid DS-2019.** A valid DS-2019 is one that has not yet expired based on the program end date (see your DS-2019, section 3, “from and to“ period of time).

___  **Valid travel signature.** You must obtain a travel signature on your DS-2019 from the ISSS office in order to re-enter in J-1 “status”. The travel signature is valid for one year and must be valid on the date of re-entry to the U.S.

**Important:** As a participant in a J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, you are allowed to re-enter the U.S. after an absence of 30 days or less. If your absence is greater than 30 days, a Temporary - Out of Country Absence authorization is required to keep your SEVIS record ACTIVE and allow re-entry. If your departure will be greater than 30 days, please submit the **Temporary - Out of Country Absence** E-form through UAtlas.

**Please provide the following information** (so we can determine if an Out of Country approval is needed):

- Estimated date of departure from the U.S.: __________________
- Estimated date of re-entry to the U.S.: __________________

**Remember:**
- Within a few days of re-entry to the U.S., retrieve and print a copy of your I-94. Your I-94 identifies your legal status in the U.S. and can be found at [https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov). Keep a copy for your records and e-mail a copy to the J-1 Scholar Team at internationalscholars@utah.edu.
- **Note:** After program completion and/or expiration of your DS-2019, you are given a 30 day grace period to travel throughout the U.S. If you depart the U.S. during this time, you are **not** authorized to re-enter, even if you have a valid visa, since your exchange program has ended.

By signing below, you are confirming that you plan to return to the University of Utah after a temporary absence abroad to continue your original program objectives as listed in section #4 of your DS-2019.

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**Exchange Visitor name (print)**  Signature  **University ID#**  **Date**

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