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J-1 NEWS FOR



J-1 Exchange Visitor Quarterly Newsletter

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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...

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.

*Maximum Program Length

Category:	Duration:
Short-Term Scholar	6 Months
Student Intern	1 Year
Specialist	1 Year
Research Scholar	5 Years
Professor	5 Years

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.

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.

NEW DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES



International Student and Scholars Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Anastasia Fynn as the new director of ISSS. Fynn was an international student and an immigrant from Ghana, and brings extensive experience from the field to the University. To learn more, follow this [link](#).

INTERNATIONAL FLAG DISPLAY TO KICKOFF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

Join International Student and Scholar Services as we kick off International Education Week with a parade of flags. This vibrant and colorful celebration will showcase diversity on the U's campus which is home to over 3000 international students. Come waive your flag as we join the global community in celebrating the importance of International Education. Our goal is to have all 106 countries that make up our international student population at the U represented at the parade!



ISSS has all 106 flags available for students for the parade, so volunteer to waive a flag! Sign up [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

[International Night](#) is an annual event at the University of Utah, and a great chance for international students, faculty, staff, and the community to connect with each other and learn about the unique aspects of the different cultures represented on campus.

This event is finally back to in-person for the first time since 2019!



WITCHFEST AT GARDNER VILLAGE



Come join us for a spooky fun trip to Gardner Village where we will enjoy the WitchFest celebrations! Gardner Village is a "restoration" of an old mill area from the 1800's. It consists of 22 specialty shops, banquet facility, bakery & day spa located in restored cabins, houses and buildings next to the Gardner Mill.

We are going to meet at the Library Plaza at 2 pm on Saturday, October 29th, and then walk to the TRAX station, where we will take the TRAX to Gardner Village. The TRAX line is free with your University ID (Ucard). If you can't make it by 2, feel free to join us there. We will be staying until around 8 pm when the parade starts, but feel free to come and go as you choose! Here a [link to RSVP](#) (sign up if you like, but not required).

For more details, check out the [Gardner Village](#) website.

FUN FAMILY THINGS TO DO DURING FALL...



Known for all four seasons (winter, spring, summer, and fall), Utah's landscape changes into the most beautiful colors during the fall season, and is full of different activities available to experience. At a time when temperatures are finally getting cooler, but still before it begins to snow, it is a wonderful time of the year to be outside, and explore all that Utah has to offer.

During this season, you will find various activities such as the well-known Cornbelly's at Thanksgiving Point, the Gardner Village Witches, Corn Mazes, plenty of pumpkin farms, and beautiful hikes on the various mountains surrounding the valley.



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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