J-1 VISA
FACT SHEET

The J-1 is a nonimmigrant visa type. The J-1 exchange visitors are here for a cultural and educational exchange of information and ideas through research, consultations, and/or observations. Once the request documents are reviewed and processed at the U-M International Center, a DS-2019 form is sent to the visitor to obtain the J-1 visa.

1. When submitting visa requests at dent-dds.hr@umich.edu, please remember that the start date must be at least 8 weeks from the date the request is received at the International Center—this will allow the HR Service Center to request visa documentation from your exchange visitors, the U-M International Center to create, print, and send the DS-2019, and allow your exchange visitors an appropriate amount of time to acquire visas, travel, enter the U.S. and attend a mandatory check-in meeting before they need to begin their programs.

2. The following information would be helpful to include in a ticket for a J-1 visa request from the department:

   Name: John Smith
   Home country: Brazil
   Faculty requestor: John Doe
   Visa type: J-1
   Begin date: November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2013
   Duration: Two years
   Funding: Brazilian Scholarship Council and personal funds
   Appointment title: Research Fellow
   Short code for UPS: 133333
   Additional notes- Example: John’s primary responsibility will be to conduct research on biodegradable polymers.

   Attachments:
   * CV

3. J-1 exchange visitors cannot have a Michigan dental license. Their visit here is not for the purpose of patient care. It is for a cultural and educational exchange of information and ideas through collaborative research, consultations, and/or observations.

4. Exchange visitors can have a J-1 visa for up to 5 years.