

2019 ISRP: Applying for the J-1 Visa Guide

✚ March 15, 2019: Visa request forms due

- [DS-2019 Request Form](#)
- Copy of biographical page of passport (*passport must be valid up to six months after date of entry into USA*)
- Evidence of financial support (*a bank statement showing liquid funds no older than three months from the date of submission*)
- [Evidence of Health Insurance Form](#) (To meet the J-1 insurance coverage requirements students will either purchase or waive an existing insurance plan through Garnett-Powers & Associates)

✚ Mid-April: Secure your visa appointment at your local U.S. embassy or consulate

- Locate your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate here: <https://www.usembassy.gov/>
- Visa wait times are located here: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>
- Go to the “Visas” → “Non-immigrant Visas” and follow the instructions for booking your appointment
 - You will need your **SEVIS number** located on your Form DS-2019 to book your appointment.
 - You will also need UC San Diego’s Program Number. This number is **P-1-02849**.
 - You must pay the [I-901 SEVIS Fee](#) in preparation for your interview. This is \$180 for J-1 exchange visitors must be paid 3 business days before applying for the visa.
- Prepare for your interview by reading the [“10 Tips for Your Visa Interview”](#)

✚ May 31, 2019: Earliest date students may enter the U.S. on their J-1 visa

- Carry your DS-2019 as well as your passport and visa in your *hand luggage*. You are required to show this to the Customs & Border Protection officials at your port of entry.
- Your passport will be scanned, and you will be able to retrieve a copy of your entry record, or [I-94 record](#), online within 24-48 hours.

✚ June 30, 2019: ISRP Begins

- Attend orientation on **July 1, 2019** and have your **visa** and **I-94 record** with you to be checked by International Center staff.
- Must have satisfied insurance coverage requirement by purchasing or waiving with an existing insurance plan through Garnett-Powers & Associates by the start date of the program.