Travel for J-1 Exchange Visitors

- Professors
- Short-Term Scholars
- Research Scholars

To re-enter the United States from abroad, you should carry the following documents:

- A valid passport (valid for a minimum of six months) or a valid travel document.
- A valid J-1 visa in your passport (please check the number of entries allowed - “M” means multiple) unless you are exempt from the visa requirement in case of Canadian citizens, or you are eligible for automatic visa revalidation (AVR) for a trip of 30 days or less to contiguous territory (please contact an ISS advisor for AVR eligibility details and restrictions).
- A valid SEVIS Form DS-2019 showing a future program end-date showing in item 3, and a recent travel signature/endorsement from the Responsible Officer (RO) / Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) in the ISS.
- I-901 SEVIS fee payment receipt: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901.

Additional Notes on International Travel:

- If you need to renew your J-1 visa at a U.S. Consulate abroad, please carry proof of financials (e.g. copies of DePaul pay-stubs, scholarship letter, personal bank statement, etc. depending on the source of your funding). You may also request a J-1 status verification letter from the ISS although it is not required. Please visit the U.S. Consulate’s website, where you plan to apply, for more information on visa renewal procedures: http://www.usembassy.gov/.
- If, at any time since September 30, 1996, you have overstayed your permission to remain in the United States, even if you were formally reinstated by the U.S. Department of State, your entry visa may be automatically void. You may apply for a new one only in your country of citizenship or legal permanent residence. Please visit ISS if you have questions.
- If you will travel abroad (cross the U.S. border) after or close to the completion of your program (program end-date showing in item 3 of your DS-2019 form), please consult an ISS advisor before making your travel plans. Depending on your circumstances, this might be risky!
- If you will travel somewhere other than your home country, please contact the consulate of the country you wish to visit to make sure you have the necessary visa or visit permission to enter. You may need a visa depending on your nationality and the nature of your visit. You may access the websites of foreign consulates in the U.S. via this link: http://www.embassy.org/.

For Travel Inside the United States:

- You should always carry full documentation (passport with J-1 visa, DS-2019 form, and I-94 print-out: http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94-instructions) during domestic travel just in case you are stopped by the U.S. authorities and are asked to identify yourself and/or your immigration status in the U.S.
- Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and certain other U.S. territories and possessions are part of the U.S., so you do not need a valid J-1 visa to travel to those locations from within the 50 United States, or to return to the 50 United States from those locations. However, you should always carry full documentation (passport with J-1 visa, DS-2019 form, and I-94 print-out) during such travel. You should be also careful to verify that your travel does not involve transit through or short stays in other countries, since full documentation (including a valid J-1 visa) for return to the U.S. may be necessary.

If you have any questions, please call the International Student and Scholar Services (ISS) at 312-362-8376