



SEVIS Form “Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status” (DS-2019)

Enclosed please find the SEVIS Form DS-2019. Please sign and date in blue ink where indicated on the bottom of Page 1. Please do **not** make any other notations on the form. If you have J-2 dependents, who are receiving their own DS-2019 forms, they must sign their own forms (except children under the age of 14; you must sign their DS-2019 forms for them)

Please present the enclosed Form DS-2019 with your passport and academic appointment letter from Northeastern University to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you apply for your J-1 visa. You should also present these forms to the Immigration Inspector at the U.S. Port of Entry when you arrive in the U.S.

Timely Arrival or Unexpected Arrival Delays

You must obtain your J-1 visa before coming to the U.S. to begin your program as a J-1 Scholar. *Canadian citizens are not required to obtain visas, but must carry and present all their J-1 documents when entering the U.S. to receive J-1 status. Entering with any other type of visa will invalidate your J-1 status. In anticipation of your visa appointment, please follow the instructions for obtaining your J-1 visa at your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate.*

Please notify your Northeastern University SEVIS Contact and Faculty Host once you are certain of the date upon which you will arrive at Northeastern. **If you experience delays due to visa issuance, administrative processing (security clearance), or other circumstances, you must notify your SEVIS Contact, NU Host, and Office of Global Services (OGS) advisor, Elena Gruzdeva e.gruzdeva@northeastern.edu, as soon as possible.** Should you encounter a delay, you are permitted to enter the U.S. after the start date on your DS-2019. However, if you are delayed for more than two weeks after your start date you must notify the Office of Global Services as we are required by government regulation to have time to validate your J-1 record and report your entry in the SEVIS government database **within 30 days** of the DS-2019 start date. Record validation requires your attendance of the OGS immigration orientation session. If the OGS is not able to validate your DS-2019, the SEVIS record **will be automatically terminated** and you will have to leave the U.S. immediately.

Fees

Visa Application Fee: Check with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate about the visa application fee and payment options. Visit the website of the specific U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you will apply for your visa and familiarize yourself with the process.

SEVIS Fee: You must pay the SEVIS fee before your J-1 visa appointment (or before entering the U.S. if you are a Canadian citizen and do not require a visa). For complete and detailed information, please refer to the following website: ice.gov/sevis/i901.

The SEVIS fee will be collected from prospective J-1 Scholars with “begin new program” indicated on their DS-2019 and who are applying for an initial J-1 visa from outside the U.S. The SEVIS fee is **not** required:

- If you are currently in valid J-1 immigration status
- If you are transferring to a new J-1 sponsor
- For J-2 dependents



Statement of Health Insurance Compliance Form

Be prepared to show proof of Department of State (DOS) mandated J-1 health insurance coverage during your program at Northeastern University. The Office of Global Services (OGS) is required by the DOS to confirm that the J-1 Scholar has fulfilled their obligation to purchase the requisite insurance prior to providing any J-1 benefit, including but not limited to travel signatures, extensions, and transfers. Therefore, the OGS reserves the right to request both the policy name and number at any time.

Please be aware that health plans offered to eligible paid employees at Northeastern University do not cover evacuation and repatriation of remains insurance. Scholars eligible for and selecting a Northeastern plan must purchase evacuation and repatriation insurance separately.