Maintaining Your J Visa Status

Maintain Required Documentation
- Valid Passport
- Valid Form DS2019
- I-94 marked D/S

Report Your Address
- To International Scholar Center
- To USCIS online using Form AR-11 within 10 days of arrival
- Report any changes of address within 10 days

Engage in Appropriate Activities
- Perform research as designated on DS2019
- Don’t engage in unrelated employment
- Obtain approval for outside lectures and consultations in advance

Keep DS2019 Valid
- Consult with your department 60 days before the expiration date for extension
- Report lost forms to the International Scholar Center

Carry Required Insurance
- Carry Medical, Repatriation and Medical Evacuation Insurance
- Maintain insurance for yourself and family members at all times
- Provide a photocopy of your insurance ID card to the International Scholar Center

Travel and Visa Renewal
- Consult the International Scholar Center before international travel, even Canada!
- Obtain a travel endorsement before you leave
- Inform the International Scholar Center if you need a new visa

Inviting Family
- Request form DS2019 for immediate family members
- Provide family’s passports to the International Scholar Center immediately after arrival
- Purchase health, repatriation and medical evacuation insurance for all dependents
- Report family members’ addresses using form AR-11

After Your Program
- After the ending date of your DS2019, you have 30 days to depart the U.S.
- Notify the International Scholar Center of your departure date before you leave

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