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Introduction

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The ECA's mission is to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges that assist in the development of peaceful relations."

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What do they do?

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The ECA offers international exchange opportunities for Americans to travel and study abroad and for international students to come to the United States.

- Identifies systemic compliance issues and detect program trends
- Administers the EVP under the oversight of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange
- Promulgates, implements, and enforces federal regulations and policies governing the EVP
- Designates, monitors, and partners with sponsors to conduct educational and cultural exchange programs
- Fosters mutual understanding between Americans and foreigners

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What are the divisions?

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The ECA's Office of Designation is comprised of two divisions through which a variety of programs are offered.

- Academic and Government Programs Division (ECA/EC/PS) oversees College and University Students, Professors, Research Scholars, Short-Term Scholars, Specialists, International Visitors, Government Visitors
- Private Sector Programs Division (ECA/EC/PS) oversees Alien Physicians, Au Pairs, Camp Counselors, Interns, Secondary School Students, Summer Work Travel, Teachers, Trainees

The Compliance Unit is responsible for monitoring designated sponsors for regulatory compliance.

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How to contact?

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The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is located at State Annex SA-5, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

- For J-1 visa related urgent situations, dial 1-866-283-9090
- For regular non-emergency communications or questions, email jvisas@state.gov

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