

## #17-25 Program period

Program period refers to the period of time approved by the program sponsor during which an exchange visitor is admitted to the United States to engage in predetermined exchange activities as reflected on their Form DS-2019 (and Form DS-7002 for exchange interns/trainees).

### Introduction

#### Program period

Program period refers to the period of time approved by the program sponsor during which an exchange visitor is admitted to the United States to engage in predetermined exchange activities as reflected on their Form DS-2019 (and Form DS-7002 for exchange interns/trainees).

- For exchange interns, the minimum duration is 3 weeks, and the maximum is 12 months
- For exchange trainees, the maximum duration is 18 months
- Exchange interns/trainees in the hospitality occupational category can intern up to 12 months
- Refer to DS-2019's Section 3 "Form Covers Period" that shows the start and end dates

While in the program, exchange interns may extend up to 12 months at the discretion of their host and program sponsor. Out of state travel is not permitted for programs that have been approved for an extension.

For assistance, contact FUSIA at +1 718 643 0311 ext. 11 (office) or +1 917 244 2600 (WhatsApp chat).

FUSIA is a Department of State Exchange Visitor Program designated sponsor in the J-1 intern category.



FUSIA's J-1 Visa Program  BridgeUSA  
The Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP)

FUSIA Communications • since 2002  
BridgeUSA (J-1 Visa Program) Designated Sponsor

MBE/WBE certified by NYS DMWBE  
M/WBE certified by NYC SBS  
DBE certified by MTA & NYSUCP

[www.fusia.net](http://www.fusia.net)

## J-1 Visa Application & US Entry > #17-25 Program period

Page 2 of 2

### Program start and end dates

#### Program period

Form DS-2019's Section 3 "Form Covers Period" shows both the program start date and program end date. The program start date determines when the exchange visitor may begin their activities. The program end date determines when the exchange visitor is obligated to complete their program and cease all relevant activities.

#### Start date

- Determines when the exchange visitor may begin their activities
- Exchange visitors are **not** allowed to begin their program until this date

#### End date

- Determines when the exchange visitor is obligated to complete their program and cease all relevant activities
- After this date, exchange visitors may remain in the US during the 30 day-grace period

For assistance, contact FUSIA at +1 718 643 0311 ext. 11 (office) or +1 917 244 2600 (WhatsApp chat).

FUSIA is a Department of State Exchange Visitor Program designated sponsor in the J-1 intern category.



FUSIA's J-1 Visa Program  BridgeUSA  
The Cross Cultural Internship Program (CCIP)

FUSIA Communications • since 2002  
BridgeUSA (J-1 Visa Program) Designated Sponsor

MBE/WBE certified by NYS DMWBE  
M/WBE certified by NYC SBS  
DBE certified by MTA & NYSUCP

[www.fusia.net](http://www.fusia.net)