

#17-3 Exchange Visitors

Exchange visitors (“also called “J-1 visa holders”) are foreign nationals who participate in the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) that allows them to temporarily reside in the United States for educational and cultural exchange purposes.

Benefits. During programs, exchange visitors acquire valuable work experience, exposure to American culture, and opportunities to develop new skills and knowledge. They also participate in cultural exchange activities to gain experience and broaden their horizons, while making American friends, improving their English, and more. Upon completion, they return home as goodwill ambassadors, fostering cross-cultural understanding and strengthening relationships between their home countries and the US.

Qualifications. The EVP offers various program types that require sponsorship from a designated sponsor. To participate, applicants must first select a suitable program type, identify an authorized sponsor, and meet program requirements which may vary depending on the sponsor and program type.

- Being a foreign national
- Possessing a valid passport or travel document from their home country
- Having nonimmigrant intent
- Possessing sufficient English skills for their program
- Having health insurance coverage that meets the minimum requirements
- Having no known history that may jeopardize their entry to the US
- Abiding by all program regulations and requirements, as well as US federal and state laws

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.

