

Understanding J students through an F student lense

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Overview



- Numbers as of May 2017
- Much more practice on Fs due to this
- What is different, what is the same, how can we learn from this?
- Attendees of this session should have a complete understanding of F students



Category

Category Information

F Students	J Students
I -20	DS-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Associate- Bachelors- Masters- Doctorate- Non-Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Associate- Bachelors- Masters- Doctorate- Non-Degree- May include certain non-degree or non-enrolled educational programs not easily available to the F-1 category

Funding

F Students	J Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May provide only personal or family funds as documentation- School Scholarships/Assistantships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May not be totally funded by personal or family funds- Must include 3rd party for funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tuition/Fees, Living Expenses, Dependent Expenses, Other Expenses outlined on I-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No break down of costs on DS-2019- Set clear office policy on required funding and document

Employment

On Campus Employment

F Students	J Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work up to 20 hours during fall and spring semesters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work up to 20 hours during fall and spring semesters
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May work full time during schedule breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May work full time during schedule breaks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No information added on I-20 about on campus work. Does not need authorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- RO/ARO MUST AUTHORIZE: Add student employment information to SEVIS record
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Not limited to any time frame, with enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Only authorize by one year, or by length of offer - whatever is shorter

Employment

Off Campus Employment- While Enrolled

F Students	J Students
Curricular Practical Training (CPT)	Academic Training (AT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must document work is integral to curriculum (verified through department)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must participate in training is directly related field of study (through department)- Student- “good academic standing”
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must be enrolled in a full academic year before CPT approval (in most cases)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Program sponsor gives written approval in advance for the duration- Must evaluate the effectiveness and appropriateness of the training

Employment

Off Campus Employment- Upon Completion

F Students	J Students
Post Completion OPT	Academic Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Student has graduation/end date and applies to USCIS for OPT work authorization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- RO/ARO will update DS-2019- Funding, Health Insurance, Extension, then AT- Must begin within 30 days after completion of studies (grace period)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No job offer required at the time of application- Must report details of employment within 90 days of OPT start date- Burden of proof is upon the student- STEM OPT- Must report/update I-983	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Academic Recommendation- Goals/Objectives- Description of AT, Location, Hours, etc.- How AT relates to Field of Study- Critical Nature- Student Presents Employment Offer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 12 Month Limit for Post-Completion- STEM Majors may apply for 24 Month extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 18 Month General Limit- Bachelors/MS- 36 Month Maximum for Post-Doctoral training- Total Period may not exceed the period of study

Insurance

Theme: Board of Regents vs. Regulation

F students	J Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BOR Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BOR Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regulation?- Do not specifically require F non-immigrants to carry health insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regulation!- Requires All Exchange Visitors and their dependents to carry health insurance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Medical Benefits \$100,000Repatriation of remains \$25,000Medical Evacuation \$50,000Deductible per accident or illness \$500

Dependents

Finances, work, education

F Students	J Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must show additional living cost amount in funding to request dependent document	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must show additional living cost amount in funding to request dependent document
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dependents are NOT allowed to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dependents may apply for work authorization
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dependents may study part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dependents may engage in full-time or part-time study

Program Completion

Transfer Options

F Students	J Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May transfer within program- May transfer within 60 days following successful completion of program- May transfer to any degree level-higher or lower- May transfer while on OPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- May transfer within program- May transfer within 30 days following successful completion of program- May transfer to higher degree level or same level- May not “Reverse Matriculate”- May transfer during Academic Training

Completion

Grace Period & 2-Year Home Country Physical Presence

F Students	J Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 60 day Grace Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 30 day Grace Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No Home Country Physical Presence requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Category may subject the participant to a two-year home country physical presence

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