

# J-1 Exchange Visitor Pre-Arrival Handbook

The University of Akron  
J-1 Exchange Visitor Program Arrival Information

FLYING TO AKRON

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- x Ohio Tourism InformationOhio: Find it HereOhio.gov/tourism
- x ParksSummit Metro ParksCuyahoga Valley National Park
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## Changes

You are expected to conduct your Exchange Visitor program activities at your current academic department at The University of Akron unless special arrangements have been made. The International Center must approve all changes. Please consult the International Center if you are considering a change to your duties, site of activity, funding source, supervisor, and/or duration of your program.

## Coursework

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## TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE U.S.

If you travel abroad, you must take the following documents ~~to take~~:

- x Passport (valid at least 6 months beyond your expected return date to the U.S.);
- x Valid J1 visa; and
- x DS2019 endorsed for travel.

We also recommend that you bring proof that you are conducting the objective for which you were provided the J1 visa (e.g., students may provide an enrollment verification letter and scholars may provide a confirmation letter from their supervisor).

### Travel Endorsement

Before traveling outside the U.S., bring your ~~DS~~2019 to the International Center and complete the Travel Signature Request Form. An RO or ARO will endorse your ~~DS~~2019 to confirm you are in good standing at The University of Akron. This signature remains valid for 1 year from the date of signature, or until the end date on your ~~DS~~2019 (whichever is earlier). The signature is no longer valid if your SEVIS record has been terminated.

Travel Endorsement Request Form



## Minimum Insurance Requirements

- x Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness;
- x Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000;
- x Expenses associated with medical evacuation to your home country in the amount of at least \$50,000;
- x A deductible not to exceed \$500 per ~~accident~~ or illness;
- x Underwritten by an insurance corporation with an A.M. Best rating of ~~“A”~~ above, an Insurance Solvency International, Ltd. (ISI) rating of ~~“A”~~ or above, a Standard & Poor’s Claims Paying Ability Rating of “A” or above, a Weiss Reser~~va~~, Inc., rating of “B+” or above, or be backed by the full faith and credit of your home country’s government.

## EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS AND LAWS

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