Apply By Mail Expansion – valid to 31 December 2023

Academic J visa applicants with a DS-2019 Program number that starts with G-1, G-2, G-3 or G-7

The Department of State has waived the in-person interview requirement through December 31, 2023, for visa applicants in categories F, M, O, P, Q, H-1, H-3, H-4, non-blanket L and academic J qualifying as secondary and university students, professors, research scholars, short-term scholars, or specialists, who were previously issued any class of visa, or traveled on ESTA, subject to certain conditions.

You must qualify in Section 1 and 2 to continue to Section 3. If you do not qualify you must email the Consulate for an appointment.

Section 1 - To qualify you must ☑ **YES** to **ALL** criteria:

YES	NO	
☐	☐	I have no refusals for a visa in any category.
☐	☐	I have never been denied a visa or the Visa Waiver Program (ESTA).
☐	☐	I am not a Chinese or Nigerian national.
☐	☐	I am a resident or citizen/national of Australia.

Section 2 - To qualify you must also ☑ below.

- ☐ I am applying for an academic J visa with a DS-2019 Program number that starts with G-1, G-2, G-3 or G-7.

You must also ☑ from either **Column A** or **Column B**:

A. Previous U.S. visa holder (of any category)

- ☐ I have had my ten (10) fingerprints collected in a previous U.S. visa application.

B. Never had a U.S. visa before

- ☐ I am a citizen or national of a Visa Waiver Program Country and I have previously traveled to the United States on ESTA and have no prior ESTA denials. I can submit a copy of a prior ESTA approval, an I-94, or an entry stamp.

Section 3

You must include/complete items below.

- ☐ This completed coversheet.
- ☐ What is your intended travel date? ___DD/MMM/YYYY_____
- ☐ Valid passport
- ☐ Form DS-160: Nonimmigrant Visa Application confirmation page.
- ☐ Photo: U.S. passport sized photo. If incorrect, your application will be rejected.
- ☐ DS-2019 (original or copy for IVLP participants)
- ☐ Old passport: showing your previous U.S. visa, I-94 or U.S. entry stamp, prior ESTA stamp if not in current passport.
- ☐ Express Post Satchel (self-addressed): SMALL size
  This is to be used for the return of your passport. You must address the satchel. Find out more about addressing your satchel.

Meeting the above conditions does not guarantee a visa, and the Consulate may still require an in-person interview.

Applicant Signature _____

Please now mail the required documents (preferably using an Express Post satchel for tracking purposes) to the appropriate address below.

Applicants residing in **Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Northern Territory.**	Applicants residing in **New South Wales, Queensland, Norfolk Island, Western Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory.**
U.S. Consulate General Attn: J1 G Program – [Travel Date] Level 6 / 553 St. Kilda Road Melbourne, VIC 3004	U.S. Consulate General Attn: J1 G Program – [Travel Date] Suite 2, 50 Miller Street North Sydney, NSW 2060