

J-1 Student Employment Options

Student must:

- 1) be in “**good academic standing**”.
- 2) be registered for a full course of study.
 - Undergraduates: 12 credits
 - Graduates: 9 credits (typically)

Employment Eligibility

- Must be authorized by their sponsor **in advance** and **in writing** before they begin work.
- May work no more than 20 hours per week during regular school sessions.
- May work more than 20 hours during school breaks and summer.
- May be authorized for up to 12 months at a time.

Option 1:

On-Campus Employment

Option 2:

Academic Training

Definition: practical training program during or after completion of a J-1 student's academic studies.

- Can be paid or unpaid.
- May be for one or multiple employers.
- Must be directly related to student's field of study.
- Authorization is employer-specific.

Student Eligibility:

- Student is in the United States primarily to study, not engage in employment.
 - Student must be in “good academic standing” at Vanderbilt.
 - Must be approved in writing in advance of start date!!
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Academic Training

Time Limits:

- Maximum of 18 months of full-time employment for Bachelor's and Master's degree students.
- Additional 18 months may be granted to Ph.D. students after completion of their degree for a total of 36 months.
- Non-degree seeking students may engage in AT for a period which is equal to the time they were enrolled in courses up to 18 months. Total amount of time in the U.S. as a J-1 Non-degree student may not exceed 24 months.

Note:

All AT is considered full-time. Even if the student is employed part-time, it is counted towards the 18 month full-time limit.

Authorization:

Written letter on institution's letterhead. Authorized by program sponsor (whoever issued DS-2019).

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