

# J-1 Exit Form

Your Name:

Today's Date:

Fermilab Visa Office often needs to email follow-up information to J-1 visitors. Please provide a non-FNAL email address that we can use to contact you as needed in the future.

Email (**non-FNAL.gov**):

Fermilab Visa Office must have a forwarding address and contact information to mail you tax and other documentation. If you do not know where you are going to be living at that time, then list a parent's or family' member's address.

Permanent address:

Permanent Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Your hard-copy (paper) file will be archived after your departure. However, the Visa Office has an online visa portal at [ww2.welcomeclient.com](http://ww2.welcomeclient.com). Even after you leave the US, you may access the online Visa Portal to retrieve electronic copies of your visa paperwork and related documents. If you ever apply for US permanent residence or certain other nonimmigrant statuses (such as H-1B) you likely will need copies of all past J-1 visa stamps and DS-2019s. **Your online access will continue to 3 years** and then may be closed permanently. If you want copies of your paperwork, ensure that you print the electronic copies from the online portal before it is closed.

**PROGRAM DATES:** The J-1 "program" is total time the person is allowed to engage in their activities at Fermilab. Program periods are listed in Box 3 of the DS-2019. When the end date of the J-1 Program is reached, this closes your electronic record in SEVIS (the government system that track all J visa holders). There is no way to re-open a closed J-1 program. Several important things occur when a J-1 program closes:

1. Repeat participation rules, if any, take effect, and
2. Return residence rules, if applicable, take effect.

**End date of your J-1 program according to Box 3 of your DS-2019:**  
**Date when you physically leave the US and end your program:**

This is a Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status form. It includes fields for the applicant's name (Rina Steiner), date of birth (10-18-2010), and program dates (04-19-2013 to 04-19-2013). The program is identified as 'RESEARCH SIMILAR' with a specialty of 'ACCELERATOR PHYSICS CENTER - THEORY / SIMULATION'. The sponsor is 'Fermi Research Alliance, LLC'. A red circle highlights the program dates.

**RETURN RESIDENCE RULE:** When a J-1 program closes, US law requires some J-1 visitors to return for 2 years (730 days) to (a) their country of nationality or, (b) the country of last residence before being eligible **for another J visa**. This requirement is known as the "Return Residence" requirement (or "Home Residence Requirement"). It is also known as "212(e)". Whether you are subject to 212(e) is marked on your DS-2019 or J-1 visa stamp.

This is a Statement of Responsibility for Exchange Visitor (DS-2019) form for Feritinand Groer-Michel. It includes fields for the applicant's name, date of birth (09-Oct-2012), and program dates (09-Oct-2012 to 09-Oct-2012). The program is identified as 'RESEARCH SIMILAR' with a specialty of 'ACCELERATOR PHYSICS CENTER - THEORY / SIMULATION'. The sponsor is 'Fermi Research Alliance, LLC'. A red circle highlights the 'I am subject to the return residence requirement' checkbox.

At Fermilab, 212(e) might be applied those J-1 and J-2 visitors who:

- received funding for the J-1 program from a US or **other** government, or
- whose skills or specialized knowledge have been identified as being needed by the country of nationality or last residence ("[Skills List](#)").

J-1 visitors who are subject to 212(e) cannot obtain H or L visa status, or permanent residence, until they have complied with the Return Residence Requirement. They **MAY** obtain B-1 or B-2 visas, J-1 visas, or any other visa. **\*Important\***: The requirement is to return to the country of residence at the time the J-1 program was initiated. Going to another country does not fulfill the requirement.



It is possible to obtain either an [Advisory Opinion](#) of a [Waiver of 212\(e\)](#). Once either option is exercised, you will no longer be eligible for a new J-1 or an extension of your current J-1. Please pursue these options only once you are sure you will not need another J-1.

I have read the above explanation of the Return Residence Requirement  Yes  No  
 I have checked my visa stamp(s) and DS-2019(s) to see whether I am subject to 212(e)  Yes  No  
 I believe I am subject to 212(e)  Yes  No

**REPEAT PARTICIPATION RULES.** US law limits how often a person may participate in J-1 exchange visitor programs. This rule may bar you from opening another J-1 program. It requires you to spend time outside the US, but it does not require you to spend that time in a specific country. Review the rules that apply depending on the type of J-1 program you are ending:



**J-1 Interns**

There is no limit to the number of times a person may participate in J-1 internships. The only requirement is that they are either (a) enrolled in a degree-granting program of study or, (b) begin the Internship within 12 months of graduation from a degree-granting program. **IF** graduation was more than 12 months prior to the anticipated start of the internship, or the person is not enrolled in a degree-granting program, **AND**

- the prior J-1 Intern program lasted *6 months or more*: Cannot begin J-1 Intern or Research Scholar status for 12 months.
- the prior J-1 Intern program lasted *less than 6 months*: There is no repeat participation rule.

**J-1 Research Scholars**

A J-1 Research Scholar is not allowed to begin another J-1 Research Scholar status for 24 months from date the first program closed.

I was a  Research Scholar  Intern  Neither, Repeat Participation Rule Does Not Apply  
 My program was for 6 months or longer  Yes  No  N/A  
 I believe I am subject to a repeat participation rule  Yes, 24 months  Yes, 12 months  No  N/A

**FUTURE PLANS**

Do you plan to find work in the US, or go to school in the US?  Yes, for work  Yes, for school  No  
 Do you anticipate returning to the US relatively soon?  Yes, in 6 months  Yes, in 12+ months  No  
 Will you continue your FNAL-based research even after you leave?  Yes, I will  Maybe  No

**IF YOU ARE DEPARTING BEFORE YOUR PROGRAM END DATE:**

- Your departure date is earlier than your originally scheduled program end date, AND
- You are departing the US because you have completed your J-1 program (you have completed your research), AND
- You want to “claim” every day that you spend outside the US to satisfy the 212(e) or repeat participation rule, THEN the Visa Office can close your J-1 program on the date you depart the US.

I hereby instruct the Visa Office to close my program on my departure date:

I understand that this will trigger the following rules:  212(e)  Repeat Participation  
 I understand there is no way to re-open a program once it is closed.  Yes  No  N/A, leaving on time

**Finishing your Program of Activities at Fermilab:** (1) J-1 Exchange visitors must depart the US within 30 days of the end date of their program. You are not authorized to engage in research during the 30-day “grace period.” (2) If you are an intern, you must complete a Final Report and your supervisor must complete a Final Evaluation, *before* you depart the US. **US Tax Reporting and Tax Payment:** In some (but not all) cases, J-1 Visitors receiving funds from Fermilab (salaries or per diems) will have US taxes withheld from the funds. US tax law requires you to file certain paperwork with US tax authorities (called a “tax return”) advising them of the funds you received. In many cases, J-1 status holders are eligible for refunds of taxes paid on their behalf. In February, the Visa Office sends out information on US taxes to all J-1 status holders for whom we have current contact information.

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