Current Scholars

Address Reporting
Regulations require that Exchange Visitors (J-1 & J-2) report any change of address, phone or email address within 10 days of the change. Please email your new information to International Student and Scholar Services at sams@chapman.edu.

Travel
For temporary travel overseas, Exchange Visitors must secure the following in order to return to the U.S.:
- Valid passport
- Valid J-1 or J-2 visa
- Valid DS-2019 with a current travel signature from ISSS
- SEVIS fee receipt

Note: If an EV will be outside the US for more than 30 days, please request a letter from your faculty sponsor, confirming that the department is aware of your extended absence; that the absence is for work-related or emergency personal reasons; and that you are expected back in the J-1 program at CU within approximate dates.

Extension
Exchange Visitors may extend their stay in order to continue with same research program, provided that the faculty sponsor supports the extension.

J-2 Dependent
Dependents (spouse & child) of J-1 Exchange Visitors may visit, live and stay under J-2 dependent status in the U.S. as long as J-1 Exchange Visitor is physically present. Same regulations govern J-2 dependents, including international travel, and maintaining J-2 status. J-2 spouse is eligible to apply for Employment Authorization Document (EAD) while living in the U.S., as long as the income from J-2 employment will not be used to support J-1 Exchange Visitor. If J-2 dependents depart the USA permanently, Dept. of State requires that you report this fact to the ISSS office.

Program Completion
Exchange Visitors may remain in the U.S. up to 30 days from program end date on DS-2019. This additional 30 day is called Grace Period, where EVs may prepare for their departure, travel within the U.S. only, or change their visa status to another visa category. During the grace period, EVs are not allowed to engage in research/teaching activities, or work. Upon completion of your program at CU, Exchange Visitors must inform ISSS of their final departure date from the U.S.