

J-1 VISA PROCESSING FLOW CHART
For individuals coming from abroad

University of Illinois Host Department

- Submits visa documentation request

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)

- Issues visa documentation (DS-2019)
- Prepares documents and information packet for department to mail

Prospective J-1 Visitor

- Pays SEVIS fee online
- Schedules visa interview with US Embassy or Consulate

US Embassy or Consulate

- Conducts visa interview
- Issues visa stamp, if approved

Security Clearance Needed?

YES

US Dept of State

- Conducts security check

Clearance Received?

YES

NO



Prospective J-1 Visitor

- Makes travel arrangements
- Travels to US and clears customs
- Checks in with host department and ISSS upon arrival

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)

- Reviews visa documents
- Provides orientation session

Timeline	
Varies by department	
Approximately 2 weeks from receipt on complete request	
Approximately 1-14 days (varies by country)	
1-7 days	
Approximately 4-8 weeks, but may be longer	
Varies by individual, but may take several weeks	
Group sessions offered every other week and last 1 hour	