Princeton Theological Seminary
Office of Multicultural Relations

DS-2019 STUDENT REQUEST FORM TO APPLY FOR A J-1 VISA

In order to receive a DS-2019 to apply for a J-1 visa at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate abroad, you must carefully read, acknowledge and submit this statement to the Office of Multicultural Relations at multicultural@ptsem.edu.

Student's Statement:

I understand the following:

1. **CURRENT STUDENTS IN F-1 STATUS ONLY:** During my visa interview at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate abroad, I may be asked to explain the reasons for changing from F-1 to J-1 visa status. I understand that a J-2 spouse’s eligibility to apply for work permission in the U.S. is **NOT** one of the eligibility criteria for me to obtain a J-1 visa.

2. I have read the information about the differences between F-1 and J-1 visa categories and I fully understand how having a J-1 visa may impact my long term plans.

3. If subject to the two-year home country residency requirement, I will either be required to reside for an aggregate of two (2) years in my country of citizenship or last country of legal permanent residence following completion of program **OR** have the requirement waived before being eligible for an H, L, or an immigrant (“green card”) visa or status. I will also not be eligible to apply for a change of immigration status to any other non-immigration classification except A or G (representatives to international organizations).

4. Obtaining a waiver of the two-year home country residency requirement might be a difficult and an expensive process and, in case I decide to apply for the waiver, I will most likely need to hire an immigration attorney. I understand that Princeton Theological Seminary has no resources to assist me with the waiver application.

5. As per the J-1 immigration regulations, in order to maintain legal status in the U.S., all of my J-2 dependents are required to carry medical insurance at the minimum benefit level as stated in the Department of State J-1 Exchange Visitor program regulations. ([https://j1visa.state.gov/participants/](https://j1visa.state.gov/participants/))

6. I must report any **on campus employment** to the Office of Multicultural Relations **within 10 days** of the start of employment.

By signing and submitting this form to the Office of Multicultural Relations, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the above, including the links provided on this form, and that I met with a Designated School Official if I had any questions or concerns.

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