

CHANGE OF STATUS INSTRUCTIONS

B1/B2 TO J-2

Note: If you entered the US under the visa-waiver program (ESTA), you are not eligible to apply for a change of immigration status from within the US.

Submit the following documents, in the order listed below, to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS):

1. Check for \$370 payable to "Department of Homeland Security"
2. Form I-539 completed (www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-539.pdf)
3. Copy of receipt for \$180 SEVIS I-901 fee (www.fmjfee.com/)
4. Your **original** J-2 DS-2019 (signed & dated by you at bottom), and original DS-2019 J-2 forms for any dependent applicants
5. Copy of the J-1's current DS-2019 form
6. Print out of your I-94 arrival record (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>)
7. Copies of your photo identification page in passport **and** B-1/B-2 visa stamp. **DO NOT SEND YOUR ORIGINAL PASSPORT.**
8. Copy of marriage certificate (for J-2 spouse) or Birth Certificate (for J-2 children dependents under the age of 21. These documents must be officially translated to English, if necessary)
9. Proof of financial support that corresponds with the financial details on the J-1's DS-2019 form
10. *Recommended:* A brief written statement explaining in detail the reason for your change of status request; and why you did not apply for a J-2 visa in your own country.

For the latest information on where to file your application, please see the USCIS website for further instructions: www.uscis.gov/i-539.

Remember:

1. This procedure only changes your immigration status **inside the US**. A change of status does not provide you with a new visa stamp in your passport. Once approved you will still need a valid J-2 visa stamp for any future travel and re-entry to the US. US visas may only be obtained at a US consulate abroad.
2. You **may not** depart the US while your change of status application is pending. If you do, your application will be considered abandoned and canceled and no refund will be given.