

CHANGE OF STATUS INSTRUCTIONS

F-1 TO J-2

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 J-1 principal (spouse or parent) receipt for previous \$180 SEVIS I-901 fee payment (www.fmjfee.com/)
4. Your **original** J-2 DS-2019 (signed & dated by you at bottom)
5. Print out of your I-94 arrival record (<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>)
6. Copy of photo identification page in passport **and** F-1 visa stamp. **DO NOT SEND YOUR ORIGINAL PASSPORT.**
7. Copies of all previous F-1 I-20 forms (and EAD employment documents if applicable)
8. Copies of all your J-1 spouse or parent's current and previous DS-2019 forms, passport identification pages and J-1 visa stamps
9. Proof of financial support that corresponds with the financial details on your DS-2019 form
10. Copy of Marriage or Birth Certificate (translated into English if necessary) proving relationship to your J-1 spouse or parent
11. *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.