

EVS Alert: Immigration Restrictions and UF Visitors [June 24]

Dear Visitors,

We hope this email finds you well.

In light of the June 22 [presidential proclamation](#), EVS would like to provide an explanation of new visa restrictions and how they may affect the J-1 visa holders and the international community at UF.

Of all J-1 visa categories sponsored by UF, **only student interns** are affected by these updated restrictions. Incoming student interns will be unable to join us for the Summer or Fall 2020 semesters, and the restrictions will be in effect from **June 24, 2020 to December 31, 2020**.

Student Interns: Your visa status is affected. You may remain in the U.S. and actively pursue your program activities to the end of your current J-1 program, as outlined on your DS-2019.

- **What do I need to do right now?**
 - Contact EVS Director Scott Davis (sdavis@ufic.ufl.edu) or Luis Johnson (lfjohnson@ufic.ufl.edu).
 - Watch your inbox for another, more detailed message from Luis.
- **Does this mean my visa/program are canceled?**
 - No. Your current J-1 visa and program are still active and valid, but you may be affected by other restrictions.
- **Can I travel outside the U.S.?**
 - No. You cannot leave and re-enter the U.S. with a J-1 student intern visa, regardless of the travel dates or purpose.

Research Scholars, Short-Term Scholars, Professors, Degree-Seeking Students, Non-Degree Students: Nothing has changed. Your visa status is not affected and you may continue your program activities as normal.

For more information, see [this statement by Fragomen](#) (immigration law firm) and the attached message for Vice President for Human Resources Jodi Gentry: [June 23 Immigration Update - Jodi Gentry.docx](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Our entire staff are happy to help and inform you as much as possible.

Sincerely,

The EVS Team