

Fulbright Foreign Student & Visiting Scholar J-2 Funding Requirements for Academic Year 2025-2026

J-2 Minimum Requirement <u>Amounts by Zone for AY 2025-2026</u>			
	Monthly Rate (MMR)	25-26 Dependent One (50% MMR)	Each Additional Dependent (25% MMR)
Zone A	\$2,831	\$1,416	\$708
Zone B	\$3,075	\$1,538	\$769
Zone C	\$3,231	\$1,616	\$808
Zone D	\$3,742	\$1,871	\$936
Zone E	\$4,300	\$2,150	\$1,075

Summary of SEVIS Requirements for J-2 Dependents:

- **Eligibility:** Only spouses and unmarried children under 21 qualify for J-2 sponsorship.
- **Separate DS-2019:** A separate DS-2019 is required for each dependent. IIE must receive dependent information at the same time as the J-1 grantee's information in order to process the DS-2019s together.
- **Delayed Processing:** If dependent information is submitted after the J-1's DS-2019 is issued, the dependent DS-2019 can only be processed after the J-1 grantee arrives in the U.S. The J-1 must contact IIE for details on dependent sponsorship after arrival.

Funding Requirements:

- The J-1 participant must prove they have sufficient funds to support their dependents, including health insurance and international return travel.
- **Fulbright Funding Guidelines:**
 - 50% of the J-1's monthly maintenance rate for the first dependent.
 - 25% of the monthly rate for each additional dependent.
 - Funding documents must be recent within three (3) months of J-1 program start date. [Click here for Acceptable Funding Documents.](#)
- **Two-Year DS-2019:** J-1 participants requesting a two-year DS-2019 must verify funding for dependents for both years. If funding is not available for two years, request a 1-year DS-2019 and provide funding details for one year.
- **Update for Academic Year 2025-26:** The J-1 must verify sufficient dependent support according to updated maintenance rates.

Key Notes:

- Ensure the same funds are not used for both the J-1's and J-2 dependents' expenses.
- If dependent funding is only available for one year, request a 1-year DS-2019 and indicate "No" on the J-2 verification form in the Partner Portal.
- If planning to bring dependents after arrival, confirm that funds are available for the entire DS-2019 duration.
- J-1s must purchase adequate health insurance for their J-2 dependents for the entire duration of their stay in the U.S.