

# Work & Explore USA

## 2022 FAST FACTS

### overview

**The J1 Work & Explore USA programme enables current New Zealand or Australian tertiary level students to live, work and travel in the USA for up to 12 months.**

### eligibility

You must be

- A full-time tertiary level student currently in a nationally accredited institution of higher education (in at least your first year of study when applying for the programme and cannot start until you have completed one year of study)
- 18 - 30 years of age
- A recent graduate from full-time tertiary study. You are eligible if you arrive in the USA within 12 months of graduation. Same age restrictions as above
- A New Zealand or Australian citizen

### duration

- The J1 visa is for 13 months (this includes the additional 30 days permitted from DS end date)

### fee in NZ dollars

- \$2500 (**INCLUDING INSURANCE** and SEVIS fee)

### additional expenses

- US Consulate visa charges (you must pay the US Consulate for your visa processing, currently approx NZ\$240.00)
- You need to show proof of access to a minimum of US\$1200 (bank statements or guarantor letter)
- Flights approximately NZ\$2000 one way
- Accommodation and living expenses. Please note that your wages may not cover all of your expenses and you should bring additional personal funds



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## visa application

- You apply for the US J-1 (Exchange Visitor) visa directly at the US Consulate in Auckland after receiving all the necessary documentation, forms and instructions from CIEE and Internship NZ
- You are required to undertake a face to face interview with the US Consulate in Auckland prior to visa approval

## visa conditions

- You cannot enter the USA more than 5 days prior to the start of the programme
- You can stay in the USA as a tourist for a maximum extra 30 days after the end of your 12 months

## changes in programme conditions

CIEE and Internship NZ Ltd reserve the right to amend Programme Terms and Conditions at anytime to meet US Government guideline changes.

## insurance:

All participants on the programme are required to be covered by the approved travel and medical insurance for the entire duration of their CIEE-sponsored stay in the USA, as per US Government regulations. This is included in the programme fee.

## refund policy:

- If you withdraw within seven days of your application being received by Internship NZ, you will receive a refund of your fee, less NZ\$50
- If you withdraw after seven days of your application being received by Internship NZ, you will receive a refund of your fee, less NZ\$100
- If you withdraw after the DS-2019 is issued, you will receive a refund of your fee, less NZ\$350 and the US\$35 SEVIS fee. If you withdraw after receiving the DS-2019, you must return the DS-2019 to Internship NZ with a written explanation
- No programme fee will be refunded if you withdraw after your arrival in the USA to begin the programme
- If you withdraw due to visa refusal you will receive a refund of 75% of your fee.
- The US government SEVIS fee of US\$35 is non-refundable and will be charged in addition to all cancellation fees regardless of the reason for cancellation.
- For more detailed information, please see our website

## services in usa

- Support services of CIEE Head Office on a toll-free number
- 24-hour emergency assistance

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