

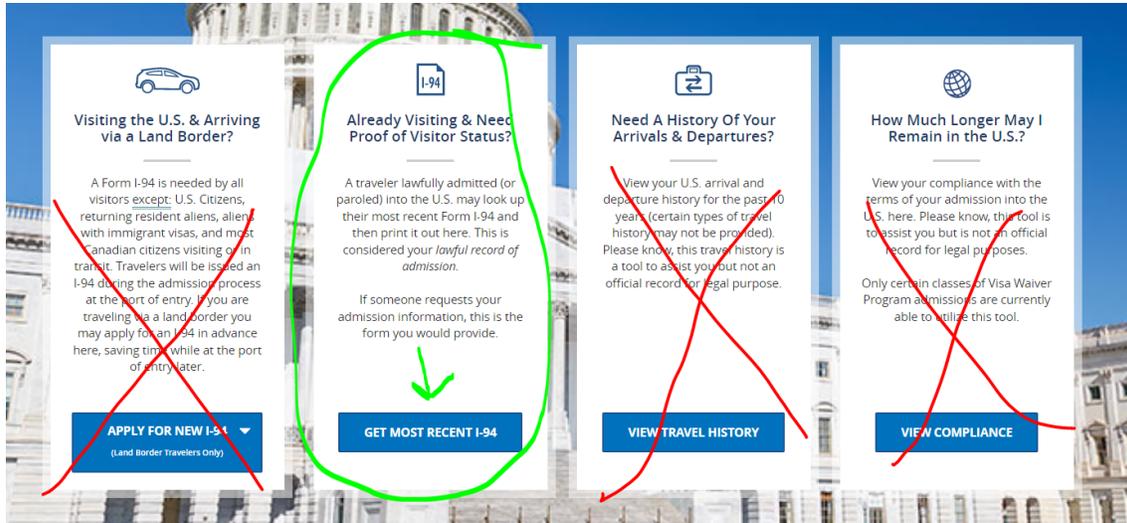
Frequently Asked Questions for ACTIVE Participants

What is an I-94 arrival number?

The I-94 arrival number is used to keep track of non-citizens entering and leaving the United States. It's an important document because it proves you entered the country lawfully, and also shows the date by which you must leave the United States. You will need this document to apply for a Social Security Number, if you plan to do so.

Where can I get my I-94 arrival number?

Go to the CBP website here: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home#section> and click on "Get Most Recent I-94." Then click, "I acknowledge and agree" to continue.



Do I need to apply for a Social Security Number (SSN)?

If you are receiving a stipend from your host company, you will likely need to apply for a SSN. If you have a SSN from a previous program in the United States, you should reuse that SSN.

How do I apply for a SSN?

You will need to apply for a SSN at a local Social Security Office, often called the Social Security Administration. You can search for a Social Security Office near you here:

<https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>. There are instructions for applying here:
<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>.

You will need to fill out an application and bring these documents with you to the appointment:

1. SSN Letter from your sponsor
2. DS-2019 (original copy with blue signature)
3. DS-7002
4. Passport
5. I-94 Arrival/Departure Record Number

What do I do if my exchange visitor Form DS-2019 is lost?

Contact your Program Sponsor (ICLS) to report the loss of your DS-2019. ICLS is able to reprint the Form in SEVIS when necessary, with an appropriate explanation entered in the exchange visitor's record.

What do I do if I lose my passport?

Contact your Program Sponsor (ICLS) to inform them of your lost passport. You will then need to contact your home country's embassy or consulate in the United States to get a new passport.

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Can I get a second job?

No. Interns and Trainees cannot obtain jobs outside of their host company listed on their DS-2019. Other J-1 visa categories allow additional employers, but the Intern and Trainee Programs do not.

Can I participate in another J1 program after finishing my current program?

Your J-1 visa is ONLY applicable to your current J-1 exchange program and under your current host. You are required to depart the United States within 30 days of your program end date. If you intend to pursue a 2nd J-1 exchange program, you will need to confirm your eligibility with a US sponsor and apply for that program from outside of the US.

What will happen to my J-1 Visa status if I need to end my program early and go home?

If you plan to withdraw from your program, you must notify your program sponsor. Your program sponsor will enter this information into SEVIS, and you will be expected to depart the United States. It is not a negative reflection on your visa record.

What will happen to my J-1 Visa status if my exchange visitor program sponsor terminates my exchange visitor program?

If your sponsor terminates your participation in their exchange program for just cause, the sponsor will enter this information into SEVIS, and you will be required to depart the United States within 3 days. You will not be entitled to the 30-day grace period. Program termination has a negative effect on your visa record.

What is Program Termination?

Participants are subject to the Department of State's regulations and the rules specified by their sponsors. Participants found to be in violation of program regulations, and/or sponsors' rules may be terminated from the program. Program termination is a negative mark on your visa record and requires you to return home within 3 days.

Grounds for termination include, but are not limited to:

- Leaving your host without informing ICLS
- Failing to stay in communication with your sponsor
- Failing to pursue the activities for which you were admitted to the US (your internship)
- Breaking sponsor rules outlined in handbooks and participant agreements
- Willful failure to maintain health insurance coverage
- Working/training at a company other than your host listed on your DS-2019
- Violence, harassment, sexual harassment, stealing, breaking US laws, and any other inappropriate behavior that does not demonstrate the professionalism required for the J-1 Intern and Trainee Programs