

J-1 Teacher Fees & Refund Policy

PRE-PROGRAM APPLICATION FEES	
May be paid by any party. Fees are mandatory unless otherwise noted.	
Initial Eligibility Application	\$0
Teacher Placement Application Fee (optional)	\$500.00
Teacher-School Placement Match (optional) ¹	\$1,500.00
Program Fee (Teachers who have successfully been matched to a U.S. school utilizing our Teacher Placement services will receive a 20% discount on Program Fees.)	
1 Year Program	\$1,200.00
2 Year Program	\$2,400.00
3 Year Program	\$3,600.00
J-1 Health Insurance (multiplied per month of program)	\$45.00/mo ²
30 day Pre-Program Health Insurance (optional)	\$45.00 ²
30 day Post-Program Health Insurance (optional, may be purchased during program also)	\$45.00 ²
J-2 Dependent Application (optional)	\$750.00
Expedited Processing Fee (optional)	\$1,000.00
ACTIVE PROGRAM FEES	
May be paid by any party, except where noted below.	
J-2 Employment Authorization (optional)	\$500.00
Extension Application (optional)	\$500.00
Extended Program Fee (optional) ³	
1 Year Extension	\$1,200
2 Year Extension	\$2,400
DS-2019 Replacement (optional)	\$75.00
Travel Validation (optional)	\$25.00
Host School Transfer (payable by transfer school only)	\$200.00

¹ Collected after tentative offer of employment from the U.S. school to the placed J-1 Teacher. Not collected until successful match.

² Includes administration fee of \$4.50 per month.

³ Collected after DOS approval of extension application to cover extension period. Not collected if denied.

REFUND POLICY		
<p>All refunds will be issued in the form of the original payment, and to the original payer.</p> <p>Please allow up to 4 weeks for the issuance of the appropriate refund.</p> <p>All fees <i>not</i> listed from Program Fee Chart are billed at the time of the service and are non-refundable.</p>		
	Withdrawal prior to approval decision by Teachers Council OR Rejection by Teachers Council	Cancellation Post-Approval Decision by Teachers Council OR Rejection by U.S. Embassy or DoS
Teacher Placement Application Fee	50%	50% if withdrawal from placement program within 6 months of approval decision by Teachers Council.
Program Fee	50% of 1 st Year Program Fee, & 100% of 2 nd and 3 rd year Program Fees (if applicable)	0% of 1 st Year Program Fee, & 100% of 2 nd and 3 rd year Program Fees (if applicable)
J-1 Health Insurance	100%, minus administration fee.	100% unused amount, minus administration fee.
J-2 Application	100%	50%
Extension Application	50%	0%

Other Fees Not Paid Directly to Teachers Council

Sevis I-901 Fee: \$180.00

SEVIS is a web-based system for maintaining information on international nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors in the United States. All approved J-1 participants with an issued DS-2019 are required to complete a form I-901 and payment prior to their embassy appointment, and will be given instruction on how to do so. J-2 Dependents are automatically linked to the J-1 in SEVIS and therefore do not need to make a separate payment of the I-901.

DS-160: \$160.00

The DS-160 enables each J-1 visitor and accompanying J-2 dependents to make an appointment at their home country's U.S. embassy. Unlike with the SEVIS I-901 Fee, each J-2 applicant must fill out and make payment on separate DS-160 applications. Teachers Council will provide instruction for participants on how to complete this requirement upon program approval and issuance of the DS-2019.

Explanation of Fees

Initial Eligibility Application

Includes assessment of initial eligibility by Teachers Council for the J-1 Teacher Program. If the applicant meets basic eligibility standards, he or she will be invited to submit a full application in which a thorough investigation for approval or denial can be completed.

Teacher Placement Application Fee

Includes evaluation for entry into the formal Teachers Council Placement Program. A thorough investigation of eligibility and credentials will be conducted, and if quality standards are met, applicants will be presented to schools and school systems in partnership with Teachers Council for hire.

Teacher-School Placement Match

Includes a tentative offer of employment from the school or school system after successful placement.

Program Fee

Includes a thorough overall assessment of Teacher and program eligibility in conjunction with the intended U.S. School, DS-2019 processing and issuance, Pre-Arrival and Orientation Information, Teachers Council 24x7 emergency support, and program monitoring and administrative maintenance for the duration of the program in the U.S.

Health Insurance

Includes accident and illness health insurance coverage that is fully compliant with Department of State standards for those in the Exchange Visitor Program, for the entirety of the J-1 program.

30 day Pre-Program Health Insurance

Includes accident and illness health insurance coverage for the pre-program 30-day grace period of the J-1 Teacher, should they wish to arrive during this time frame and have coverage.

30 day Post-Program Health Insurance

Includes accident and illness health insurance coverage for the post-program 30-day grace period of the J-1 Teacher, should they wish to stay in the U.S. during this time frame and still have coverage.

Extension Application

Includes assessment of formal Teachers Council extension application and, if approved, the subsequent submission to the Department of State.

Extension Program Fee

Upon acceptance by the Department of State for an extension of one or two years, includes the issuance of a new DS-2019 with updated program dates and continued program sponsorship and associated services by Teachers Council for the extension period.

J-2 Dependent Application

Includes assessment of all accompanying J-2 Dependent applications for an approval decision by Teachers Council. An unlimited number of J-2 applications in association with the J-1 applicant is covered under this fee.

Expedited Processing

Includes guaranteed processing time of all program documentation and issuance of an approval decision within 5 business days. Expedited processing timeline begins once the Teacher has received a formal offer of employment from the U.S. school and all accompanying application materials and payment have been submitted.

DS-2019 Replacement

Includes generation and mailing of new DS-2019 to the participant in the U.S. if the original DS-2019 has been lost, stolen, or irreparably damaged. In the event of a major change in program while in the U.S. (for example change of host school), this fee will also be issued in order to generate a new DS-2019 with updated program information.

Travel Validation

Includes review of travel validation application and authorization signature by Teacher Council staff to allow for legal U.S. re-entry without interruption to the J-1 program in the event of international travel during the active program.

Host School Transfer

Includes the review of a new potential school site of employment should the exchange teacher wish to change their host school during the time frame of the DS-2019. Includes review of the new host school's application and employment offer letter and, if accepted, a new updated DS-2019. Must be paid by the new host school, not by the teacher.