



J-1 Exchange Visitor Program for Teachers: Fees & Refund Policy

PRE-PROGRAM FEES PAID TO TEACHERS COUNCIL

Initial Eligibility Application, Interview, and Consultation: \$0

- 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.

We offer three different types of programs for J-1 Teachers:

Program Option 1: Teachers Council Placement Program

Application Review and Acceptance into Placement Program: \$500

- Includes: eligibility and compliance screening of teacher, resume assistance as needed, presentation to US host schools, interview preparation and coordination

Teacher-School Placement Match: \$2,500

- Includes: securing a tentative offer of employment from the school, host school onboarding, DS-2019 processing and issuance, pre-arrival and orientation information
- Collected only after tentative offer of employment from the US host school; not collected until a successful match is made

Program Option 2: Teachers Council Self-Placed Program with New TC Partner School

Application Review: \$2,250

- Includes: eligibility and compliance screening of teacher and host school, host school onboarding, DS-2019 processing and issuance, pre-arrival and orientation information

Program Option 3: Teachers Council Self-Placed Program with Established TC Partner School

Application Review: \$1,750

- Includes: eligibility and compliance screening of teacher and host school, DS-2019 processing and issuance, pre-arrival and orientation information

J-1 Exchange Visitor Program Sponsorship Fee: \$1,200 per year (\$3,600 for a 3-year program)

- Includes: program monitoring and administrative maintenance for the duration of the teacher's time in the US, 24/7 emergency support
- Collected prior to issuing the DS-2019

J-1 Exchange Visitor Program Health Insurance (mandatory): \$45 per month

- Includes administration fee of \$3.30 per month

- Includes accident and illness health insurance coverage that is fully compliant with Department of State standards for those on the Exchange Visitor Program, for the entirety of the J-1 program
- First year of insurance (\$540) collected prior to issuing the DS-2019

J-1 30-Day Pre or Post Program Health Insurance (optional): \$45 per month

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

J-2 Dependent Application (if applicable): \$750

- 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 (optional): \$1,000

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

ADDITIONAL FEES NOT PAID TO TEACHERS COUNCIL

Sevis I-901 Fee: \$180

- SEVIS is a web-based system for maintaining information on international nonimmigrant Students and exchange visitors in the US. 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 instructions 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

- The DS-160 enables each J-1 visitor and accompanying J-2 dependents to make an appointment at their home country's US 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.

I-765 Filing Fee (optional): \$410

- Form I-765 is submitted with accompanying payment to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the event that any accompanying dependents of working age are interested in obtaining Employment Authorization enabling him or her to work legally in the US while accompanying the primary J-1 holder during his or her exchange program. This fee is SEPARATE from the J-2 Employment Authorization fee

collected by Teachers Council, enabling us to assist with the preparation and filing of the form I-765 to USCIS.

ACTIVE PROGRAM FEES PAID TO TEACHERS COUNCIL

J-2 Employment Authorization (optional): \$500

Extension Application (optional): \$500

- Includes assessment of formal Teachers Council extension application and, if approved, the subsequent submission to the Department of State. Extension may only be applied for after three successful and compliant years under J-1 sponsorship, for an additional one or two year period.

Extended Program Sponsorship: \$1,200 per year

- 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.
- Collected after Department of State approval of extension application to cover extension period. Not collected if denied.

DS-2019 Replacement: \$75

- Includes generation and mailing of new DS-2019 to the participant in the US if the original DS-2019 has been lost, stolen, or irreparably damaged. In the event of a major change in program while in the US (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: \$25

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

Host School Transfer (when warranted): \$200

- Includes the review of a new potential school site of employment should the exchange teacher need 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.

REFUND POLICY

The following policy applies to all fees paid prior to arrival in the US.
All refunds will be issued in the form of the original payment, and to the original payer.
Please allow up to four weeks for the issuance of the appropriate refund.
All fees not listed below are billed at the time of the service and are non-refundable.

	Withdrawal prior to approval decision by Teachers Council OR rejection by Teachers Council	Cancellation post-approval decision by Teachers Council OR rejection by US Embassy or DoS
Placement Program Application	50%	n/a
Teacher-School Placement Match	50%	50%
Self-Placed Program Application	50%	50%
Program Sponsorship	n/a	0% of 1st Year Program Fee, & 100% of 2nd and 3rd year Program Fees (if applicable)
J-1 Health Insurance	100%, minus administration fee	100% unused amount, minus administration fee
J-2 Application	50%	50%
Extension Application	0%	0%