

# J-1 Visa Grant Program

## U.S. Department of State's Early Career STEM Initiative For Students & Graduates In Germany

### Introduction

Odyssey International Exchange proudly administers a distinguished initiative designed to empower students and recent graduates in Germany to participate in J-1 Intern Programs in the United States. Our J-1 Visa Grant Program provides participants exceptional opportunities to engage in meaningful cultural exchange, gain immersive international experience, enhance professional skills, expand knowledge, and build networks that will shape their personal and professional journeys for years to come.

These grant programs were designed to support the [U.S. Department of State's Early Career STEM Initiative](#) and provides early-career STEM students with access to structured internship opportunities in the United States. The program is designed to foster practical experience, international collaboration, and professional development within their respective fields.

This initiative serves as a vital bridge between the United States and Germany, fostering transatlantic relationships and promoting mutual understanding. By supporting students and graduates in securing J-1 Visa Sponsorships for high-quality placements across key industries, we contribute to the global exchange of knowledge, innovation, and best practices.

For decades, Odyssey International Exchange has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the transformative power of cultural exchange. This initiative exemplifies how professional growth, cultural immersion, and transatlantic collaboration come together to empower students and graduates and advance global understanding.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current student or recent graduate (within 12 months of graduation) from a German university, holding an Associate's degree or higher (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD's, or others) in a field related to Science, Technology, Engineering or Math, or an adjacent interdisciplinary field of study.
- Have a confirmed offer letter or placement opportunity from a company in the United States that is relevant to your field of study.
- Be eligible to participate in the J-1 Intern Program in accordance with current U.S. regulations.
- Demonstrate professional motivation and a genuine interest in cultural exchange.

## J-1 Visa Grant Details

- **Number Of J-1 Visa Grants:** 2 grants awarded per university per month.
- **Program Length:** Covering programs from 1 to 12 months.
- **Coverage:** Each grant covers expenses associated with J-1 Visa Sponsorship, valued up to €1220. Participants are only responsible for their medical insurance and SEVIS (I-901) Fee. Our grant can be combined with other grants for additional support.
- **Program Dates:** No restrictions on start and end dates for the program

## Application Process

### Submit Your Application

1. Submit your application by the 15th (this month or next) to be considered for a grant.
2. Write a letter of intent of up to 500 words (one page) outlining your professional and personal goals and explaining how your J-1 Intern Program will help you achieve them.
3. [Click here to complete the application form and attach your letter of intent.](#)
4. We will review your application and respond by email. Grants are awarded within 7 business days of the 15th of the month following your submission.

### After Application Approval

5. Provide details of your U.S. placement, including the host organization and your role description.
6. Submit proof of university enrollment or graduation.
7. Attend an Introduction Call with Odyssey International Exchange.
8. Provide any additional documents required for the J-1 Visa Sponsorship process.

## Contact Information

Odyssey International Exchange remains at your disposal should you have any questions.

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