

J-1 Check-In And SEVIS Activation Process

Please read through the arrival instructions below and complete the check-in requirements as soon as possible **after entering the U.S.** If check-in requirements are not met at least 30 days after the program start date the J-1 SEVIS record will automatically change to Invalid status and the J-1 scholar will be in violation of their status. Please be sure to follow the instructions below immediately upon arrival to ensure that your SEVIS record is updated correctly and you remain in Active J-1 status. Please note that J-1 scholars in initial status are ineligible for a social security card, employment, or a SC driver license. Once the J-1 completes the check-in process, the SEVIS record is changed to active and the J-1 is then eligible to apply for benefits including employment, driver license, and social security.

The J-1 check-in process is completed entirely online, there is no need to physically report to the Office of International Services. Please complete and provide the forms/documents below and return via email to is@clermson.edu. These forms will need to be provided for any J-2 dependents as well in order for the check-in process to be completed. Once your forms have been submitted, please allow 3-5 business days for your request to be processed.

- Copy of U.S. J visa and arrival stamp
- Copy of DS-2019 with consular notes
- Certificate of insurance coverage
- Summary of coverage benefits
- Completed IS-206 (the form is available online at <http://www.clemson.edu/administration/ia/services/forms.html>)
- Completed IS-205 with valid U.S. residential address (the form is available online at <http://www.clemson.edu/administration/ia/services/forms.html>)
- Copy of I-94 Arrival/Departure record (available online at <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94-instructions>)