

Dear Colleagues,

In anticipation of immigration needs over the summer, the International Center is writing to clarify our policy of issuing J-1 visa documents for international “visiting” **undergraduate** students coming to Tufts for the primary purpose of conducting research as temporary interns. The U.S. Department of State recommends that all undergraduate students, with the intent of conducting research, enter the U.S. in the J-1 Intern Category. At this time, the International Center is unable to issue immigration documents for this visa category.

**Please note**, this does not change anything for international students currently matriculated at Tufts studying on an F-1 visa. These students *are* eligible to work in your labs as summer interns, or at any other period during their studies. All F-1 students are eligible for on-campus employment. What is mentioned above addresses undergraduate students OUTSIDE the U.S. that want to enter for an internship on a J-1 visa.

The International Center issues immigration documents for J-1 Short-Term and Research Scholar visas, for both graduate students or faculty members pursuing or holding a minimum of a master’s degree. Nothing is changing with this group of academicians.

Our office hopes to introduce the J-1 Intern category in the future, as we understand there is a high demand, particularly from the School of Engineering. We will keep you updated regarding any future changes.

The International Center looks forward to our continued work together on J-1 Short-Term Scholars, J-1 Research Scholars, TN, H-1B, and O-1 non-immigrant visas, as well as Permanent Residency visa applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Best,



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