

J Visa Student Intern Category

The J student Intern category was created in 2008 to allow students to come to the US in an internship capacity. This category is very strict and has stringent guidelines.

The student must

1. Be currently “enrolled in and pursuing a degree at and accredited postsecondary institution outside of the US”
2. Be in good standing at home institution
3. Be able to fulfill the education objectives from his/her home institution through the internship
4. Return to home institution to complete the degree
5. Be in the US primarily to engage in the internship rather than to work to earn money
6. Be officially accepted into the internship program
7. Be engaged in full-time employment and/or training at least 32 hours a week at the University of Colorado Denver
8. Have verifiable English language skills
9. Be evaluated at least one if not 3 times throughout the internship (depending on length)
10. Have sufficient funding to support self and any dependents
11. Agree to obtain health/medical evacuation/repatriation insurance that meets the minimum requirements set by the US State Department
12. Work with the University of Colorado Denver supervising faculty member to complete all information and secure all the required signatures on the form DS-7002 and submit necessary forms and documents to the department administrator.
13. Conclude the internship at the University of Colorado Denver within 12 months.

The University of Colorado Denver supervising faculty member must:

1. Ensure that the intern is not engaged in clinical positions that would have “patient care or contact, including any work that would require student interns to provide therapy, medication or other clinical or medical care”
2. Ensure that the intern is not engaged in unskilled or casual labor; child or adult care or aviation
3. Ensure that the intern does not displace an American worker
4. Ensure that the position exists solely to help intern fulfill the objectives of his/her participation and does not include more than 20% clerical work
5. Expose the intern to “American techniques, methodologies and technology”
6. Complete the required evaluations of the internship
7. Work with the student intern to complete all information and secure all the required signatures on the form DS-7002
8. Ensure that the internship position is at least 32 hours a week
9. Work with the department administrator to fill out all required university forms