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ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS IN J-1 STATUS

Definition of Economic Hardship: “serious, urgent and unforeseen economic circumstances” that have arisen *since* your arrival in the United States as an Exchange Visitor, or since your change, inside the country to J-1 status.

If you are in good academic standing and enrolled as a full-time student, your J-1 sponsor can give you permission to work off-campus. You will be given permission to work up to 20 hours per week during the semester, and full-time during breaks. You must provide documentation that the need for employment is due to economic hardship. The employment does not have to be related to your field of study.

How to Apply:

1. Complete and return to the ISO Student Change form documenting full-time enrollment and any University funding you are receiving.
2. Present to the ISO a letter documenting your expenses and the reason for the unforeseen economic hardship.

The ISO, after careful consideration of your request, will determine whether or not you are eligible for off-campus work authorization. If permission is granted, the ISO will then issue you a letter granting permission to work-off campus for up to one year. This permission will be automatically withdrawn if you do not maintain full-time enrollment, do not have good academic standing or withdraw from, or complete your program.