



French-American Chamber of Commerce – New York

J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program

About the J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program at the FACC-NY

Since 1983, The French-American Chamber of Commerce-New York (FACC-NY) has been a proud **US Department of State accredited J-1 visa sponsor** for **Interns** and **Trainees** in the Exchange Visitor Program.

As a J-1 visa sponsor, our mission is to advance the objectives of the [Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961](#), which aims to strengthen mutual understanding between Americans and people of other countries by fostering international cooperation through **educational** and **cultural exchange** initiatives.

What is the J-1 Visa Program?

The J-1 Visa Program provides foreign nationals an opportunity to apply for a **non-immigrant visa**, allowing **Interns** or **Trainees** to engage in cultural and professional exchange in the U.S. for a period of up to 12 or 18 months. The J-1 Visa Program is an excellent opportunity for companies to gain global perspectives from international interns or trainees.

What categories can the FACC-NY Sponsor J-1 Visas for?

At the FACC-NY, we are happy to sponsor the J-1 visa for individuals interning or training in the following **Occupational Categories**:

- Business, Commerce & Finance
- The Sciences & Engineering
- Information, Media & Communications
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Public Administration & Law

Our role as J-1 Visa Sponsor

The FACC-NY's International Career Development Programs (ICDP) team's **industry-leading Account Managers** work closely with J-1 Visa applicants and over 300+ companies hosting international interns or trainees.

Our Account Managers guarantee swift application processing times of **6 to 8 weeks**. Each J-1 visa candidate and Host Company receives a dedicated Account Manager to assist them with the J-1 visa application process from start to finish and serve as their main point of contact in the U.S.

Beyond our role in the J-1 Visa application process:

- **J-1 Visa Events** – The FACC-NY is proud to create a strong community of international interns and trainees by hosting and organizing events dedicated to networking, cultural exchange, and more. Previous events include *Exchange Visitor Holiday Party*, *Speed Networking at New York University*, *Columbia Football Games*, *Yankee Baseball Games*, and more.



- **J-1 Visa Monthly Newsletter** – Our ICDP team sends out two newsletters each month to share cultural events throughout the U.S., conduct check-ins, invitations for events, and program reminders.

J-1 Visa Testimonial

Get to know FACC-NY's J-1 Visa Intern, [François Saulgeot](#), a Research Intern at Saint-Gobain. Francois shares how the FACC-NY assisted him in obtaining the J-1 visa and how this program is essential to his professional growth.

“The J-1 visa is an excellent way to combine both professional and cultural experience in the US, and this is what I expect from all my study-abroad trips.

This 5-month stay will ultimately give me a better understanding of American culture, both at work and outside. I truly recommend the program, since it is a great opportunity to discover the US, and because FACC provides really useful help in applying for the visa and planning the stay”.

