
*“Cultural exchange
is profoundly
important for
producing
innovative ideas.”*

-Ombretta from Italy, trainee at Frederic Schwartz Architects

**VISA PROGRAMS FOR U.S. INSTITUTIONS
BY INTERNATIONAL ARTS & ARTISTS**



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WE KNOW CULTURAL EXCHANGE, WE KNOW VISAS, AND WE KNOW THE ARTS.

"I think that all the things that I have learned in New York will be very important for my career . . . I will apply the American approach in my future professional career in Italy."

- Gabriele from Italy, trainee at NMM

BUILDING YOUR INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

In the spirit of educational and cultural exchange between the United States and countries around the globe, the U.S. Department of State administers the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program to provide participants with the opportunity to intern in the U.S. for **up to 12 months** and then return home to share their experiences.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ARTS & ARTISTS

International Arts & Artists (IA&A) is a designated U.S. J-1 intern visa sponsor and issues the **DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility** necessary to apply for the J1 intern visa at a U.S. consulate. The J-1 visa is required for paid and unpaid internships in the United States.

EXPERIENCE IN YOUR FIELD

For over 10 years, IA&A has been sponsoring J-1 visas for exchange visitors interning at U.S. **architecture firms**. From NYC to LA and Chicago to Miami, IA&A works with firms all over the U.S. who understand the need for cultural exchange.



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INTERN ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the J-1 intern visa, you must either be currently enrolled at a non-U.S. university or have graduated less than 1 year ago.

TIMING

Those looking to start in September should apply to IA&A in July. Those looking to start in January should apply in November.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTS

To be a J-1 Host Organization, architecture firms must:

- Offer you an internship placement of at least 32 hrs/wk

- Complete the DS-7002 Placement Plan

- Provide a copy of their WCI Certificate

LEARN MORE

To schedule a consultation or to ask questions, call 202.338.0680 or email outreach@artsandartists.org.

To begin the visa sponsorship process, apply online!

artsandartists.org/cep.php

"Hosting J1 exchange visitors allows us to work with architecture students from around the world."

- Sarah Dunham, WorkAC

