

DS-2019 for J1 Visa

**Time limit of DS-2019:** Time necessary to complete the program, but may not exceed 7 years. Be mindful of start dates, if a full 7 years is needed to complete program and future planned programs. A **July 1 start** is usually preferred. Residents can enter the USA 30 days before the start of the program.

The DS-2019 is the document needed to apply for the J1 Visa.

The original document is needed before the resident/fellow can sit for the interview at the embassy or consulate. **This process may delay the start of residency/fellowship.**

**During the interview, the consular officer will determine if the applicant is eligible for a visa and may take digital fingerprint scans. After the interview, the consular officer will inform the applicant if their visa was approved or denied. If approved, the consular officer will provide information on how and when the applicant will receive their passport and visa. If denied, the consular officer will explain why the applicant is ineligible**

**To start the application process a contract or offer letter is needed**

The contract or letter of offer must specify:

Start and end dates of the training year,

Specialty and subspecialty of the training program/pathway,

Training level, Stipend,

And must be signed by both the applicant and an appropriate hospital official.

**TPL- Rosie Williams**

#### **STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application process requires completion of the following steps:

1. Through EVNet, TPL submits an on-line appointment profile
2. Through EVNet, TPL uploads the necessary supporting documents for each applicant (with the exception of the SoN; see below for details)
3. Through OASIS, applicant accepts on-line appointment profile, pays the \$370 administrative/application fee, completes the electronic application, and uploads any documentation (not already submitted by the TPL) needed to complete application
4. Electronically or by mail/courier service, Ministry of Health official or applicant submits the original SoN (see below for details)

See Attached Check list for Initial sponsorship – sent to resident

**If changing category or program, approval from the DoS will be needed- may delay start.**

ECFMG Certification

**The GME office must be notified when a resident or fellow is:**

-placed on probation or remediation

-dismissed from program

-delayed during travel abroad

-takes a LOA

-injured

-arrested

The circumstance above may delay training and require an update to the resident/fellow training dates with the ECFMG/Intealth