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CHECKLIST FOR J-1 VISA:

- Duly filled visa application forms DS –156, DS – 157, DS- 158.
- Valid Indian Passport for at least 6 months more than the intended stay.
- Two recent photographs 2 by 2 inches square (50mm x 50mm) of the applicant, with the entire face visible in white background and without head covering.
- Rs. 4,600/- in respect of the American Consulate to be deposited in one of the designated branches of HDFC Bank or DD favouring “US Embassy – Visa Fees” for the same amount.
- Rs. 276/- in respect of VFS to be deposited in one of the designated branches of HDFC Bank or DD favouring “HDFC Bank a/c VFS” for the same amount.
- Original Form DS-2019, issued in SEVIS approved and signed by the University authority.
- **Proof for Payment of SEVIS fee (if applicable):** Receipt I – 901.
- **Proof of Academics:** 10 / 12 certificates. Original degree certificates – Final degree certificate or provisional certificate or course completion certificate. Please include semester wise mark sheets.
- **Evidence of Financial Resources:** (a) Bank Statements, proof of liquid funds, Chartered Engineer’s valuation for immovable properties, Income Tax returns, Chartered Accountant’s statement, etc. of the Principal Applicant.
(b) If the J1 applicant is funded by an Indian or American Organization, a letter from the organization on their letterhead signed by an authorized signatory explaining the amount of scholarship or funding provided, for what purpose and on what basis was s/he selected for the award.
- DD for Rs. 2,300/- in favour of “American Consulate General, Chennai”.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are applying for a J-visa under a US Government (G) programme, you are exempted from all fees. Further, you have to apply directly at the US Embassy or Consulate of the respective country of residence.