

# J1 Visa Training Program Information

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The **J-1 Exchange Visitor Training Program** allows students and non-students from abroad who are currently working or studying in the hospitality field to participate in practical “on-the job” training programs with U.S. Marriott hotels.

If you are considering a career-enhancing training opportunity with Marriott in the U.S., keep in mind that:

- **Interns** must be either currently enrolled in and pursuing studies at a degree or certificate-granting post-secondary academic institution outside the U.S. OR graduated from such an institution no more than 12 months prior to his/her exchange program start date; Intern programs in the “Hospitality and Tourism” I category are limited to 12 months.
- Participants may be placed in training programs in Rooms Division, Food & Beverage, Culinary or other programs as determined by the hotel.
- Once an offer of training has been accepted by an international trainee candidate, both parties must apply to a J-1 sponsorship organization, authorized by the U.S Department of State, to produce the Form DS-2019, or Certificate of Eligibility.
- **Trainees** are foreign nationals who have either a degree or professional certificate from a foreign post-secondary academic institution and at least one year of prior work-related experience acquired outside the US; or, someone who has five years work experience outside the US without the benefit a degree. The training program may last up to 18 months.

## J-1 Visa Sponsorship Organizations

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Below is a list of Sponsorship Organizations that are authorized to assist with placing trainees in hourly internship programs with Marriott. Please contact the organizations listed for information about qualifications and application procedures.

**American Hospitality Academy** ([www.americanhospitalityacademy.com](http://www.americanhospitalityacademy.com))

**Cultural Vistas** (previously Association for International Practical Training (AIPT)) (<http://www.aipt.org/>)

**The Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE)** (<http://www.ciee.org/>)

**Intrax** ([www.intraxinc.com](http://www.intraxinc.com))

**Alliance Abroad** (<http://www.allianceabroad.com/>)

**Interexchange** (<http://www.interexchange.org/>)

**Pan Atlantic International (PAIT)** (<http://www.panatlanticsmsgroup.com/>)

**Worldwide International Student Exchange (WISE)** (<http://www.wisefoundation.com/>)

**Cultural Homestay International** ([www.chinet.org](http://www.chinet.org))