

J1 Visa Training Program Information

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

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)

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)

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)