

# ACCEPTED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR J-1 APPLICANTS



## Academic Institutions that are Accepted

The FACC can only accept applicants who are attending or who have attended a "post-secondary accredited academic institution," which is any academic institution that offers primarily academic programs and is duly accredited by the appropriate academic accrediting authority.

For your school to be eligible, it must meet all of the following criteria:

- The academic institution must be "ministerially recognized"\*
- Your studies must be completed outside of the United States
- Your studies must be relevant to the proposed internship/training program in the U.S.
- Your studies must be at least 50% in the classroom

## Academic Institutions that are not Accepted

The following academic institutions do not qualify:

- Classes préparatoires
- Dual education programs/"Apprentissages" where less than 50% of the program is in the classroom (please see section below on Contrat d'apprentissage/Contrat de professionnalisation)
- Vocational training programs are not accepted unless the program is business focused

## Proof of Current Student Status for the Intern Visa

The following are three different forms of proof of current student status that the FACC accepts:

- A certificate de scholarité dated within the last 90 days
- Our [University Enrollment Statement](#) on university letterhead, signed and dated within the last 90 days
- A convention de stage signed by the host company, academic institution, and the student

## Proof of Graduation for Intern Status vs. Trainee Status

To be eligible as a J-1 Intern, you must either be currently enrolled in a post-secondary accredited academic institution or have received a post-secondary diploma dated within the 12 months prior to the start date of your mission in the United States. To be eligible as J-1 Trainee, you must have at least one year of related work experience outside the U.S. and a post-secondary diploma from an accredited academic institution outside of the U.S.

For candidates graduating with a BTS, please note that a [BTS Diploma Supplement](#) must be submitted.

## Proofs of Graduation that are not Accepted

- An *attestation de réussite* that confirms the student meets all requirements of the diploma, but does not specify that the candidate is considered officially "graduated"
- An *attestation de réussite* that states or implies that the jury has not yet met
- An *attestation de réussite* for a Master 1 (M1), when part of a [Master 2 \(M2\)](#)

## Contrat d'apprentissage/Contrat de professionnalisation

As the *Contrat d'apprentissage* and the *Contrat de professionnalisation* are both for programs considered *en alternance*, they must be submitted with one of the following:

- Academic calendar, clearing indicating the days spent training at the company versus days spent in school
- [Employment statement](#) completed by the university, on university letterhead, signed and dated
- [Employment statement](#) completed by the company, on company letterhead, signed and dated.

\*According to the [U.S. Department of Education](#), "In international terms, accreditation by a recognized accrediting authority is accepted as the U.S. equivalent of other countries' ministerial recognition of institutions belonging to national education systems."