

## **Annual Allotment Tip Sheet August 21, 2012 Update**

### **August 24, 2012-- Special Allotment for J-1 Pilot Project**

The Department of State has granted the American Immigration Council a special allotment of DS-2019 forms for the remainder of the 2012 calendar year in order to launch an exciting new J-1 pilot project.

Keeping with the goal of the Fulbright Hays Act to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange,” the pilot project will structure ongoing contact between the exchange visitor and their American host company at end of the J-1 program.

This ongoing contact will occur in two ways: 1) Planned conversations via webcam or video conferencing or 2) Planned visits by Americans to the exchange visitor’s country. The first option provides an affordable method of ongoing contact. The second method provides a more complete cultural immersion. For companies opting for ongoing conversations via webcam, these conversations will take place 30 days, 3 months and 6 months after the J-1 trainee or intern leaves the United States.

The host company will document the ongoing contact will be documented by completing of a required questionnaire by the American host company six months after the end of the exchange visitor’s J-1 status. The questionnaire will allow both the American Immigration Council and the U.S. Department of State to document that contact has continued after the J-1’s departure and to assess the value of the pilot project.

Thank you for your interest in our programs and please do not hesitate to contact us at **202.507.7500** or send us an email at [j1program@immcouncil.org](mailto:j1program@immcouncil.org) [1] with any questions you may have.

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