

The J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, which is governed by the U.S. Department of State (DOS) was created to “promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange”. The University of Alabama in Huntsville invites you to participate in the many educational, artistic, athletic, and social activities that happen on campus. Additionally the Office of International Services hosts several social and cultural activities each semester to get our J-1 Exchange Students and Scholars involved and acclimated. Please check your UAH emails for updates and announcements about upcoming activities.

Visiting J-1 Exchange Students have many programs and activities specifically dedicated to student engagement that can be found listed on the website of the Office of Student Life under [Student Activities](#).

Visiting J-1 Scholars have lots of opportunities to get involved at UAH, from attending [lectures](#), [artistic performances](#) and [sporting events](#), to keeping up to date on the broad array of [research activities](#) happening on campus

[The City of Huntsville](#) is a vibrant and welcoming place for J-1 Visiting Exchange Students and Scholars and offers a variety community events such as [concerts](#), and community festivals as well as access to [hiking](#) and [recreational activities](#).

To learn more about how the Department of State runs the J Exchange Visitor Program, [please watch a short video or read the information on their website](#). You can also read their [Welcome Brochure](#), which summarizes many of your rights as an Exchange Visitor.