Fulbright Foreign Student & Visiting Scholar J-2 Funding Requirements for Academic Year 2026-2027

J-2 Minimum Requirement Amounts by Zone for AY 2026-2027			
	Monthly Rate	**25-26 Dependent One (50% MMR)**	**Each Additional Dependent (25% MMR)**
Zone A	$2,831	$1,416	$708
Zone B	$3,075	$1,538	$769
Zone C	$3,231	$1,616	$808
Zone D	$3,742	$1,871	$936
Zone E	$4,300	$2,150	$1,075

Summary of SEVIS Requirements for J-2 Dependents:

- **Eligibility**: Only spouses and unmarried children under 21 qualify for J-2 sponsorship.
- **Separate DS-2019**: A separate DS-2019 is required for each dependent.
- **Delayed Processing**: If dependent information is submitted after the J-1's DS-2019 is issued, the dependent DS-2019 can only be processed after the J-1 grantee arrives in the U.S. The J-1 must contact IIE for details on dependent sponsorship after arrival.

Funding Requirements:

- The J-1 participant must prove they have sufficient funds to support their dependents, including health insurance and international return travel.
- **Fulbright Funding Guidelines**:
  - 50% of the J-1's monthly maintenance rate for the first dependent.
  - 25% of the monthly rate for each additional dependent.
  - Funding documents must be recent within three (3) months of J-1 program start date. Click here for Acceptable Funding Documents.

Key Notes:

- Ensure the same funds aren't used for both the J-1's and J-2 dependents' expenses.
- If planning to bring dependents after arrival, confirm that funds are available for the entire DS-2019 duration.
- J-1s must purchase adequate health insurance for their J-2 dependents for the entire duration of their stay in the U.S.