

Welcome Russian students to your campus for the 2021 year!



YEAR PROGRAM
Year of Exchange in America for Russians



The YEAR program is seeking American universities and community colleges to host Russian students for the 2021 -2022 academic year.

The Year of Exchange in America for Russians (YEAR) brings outstanding Russian students to study at U.S. universities and community colleges. It is a year-long, non-degree exchange program that helps participants learn about American culture and values, strengthen their academic knowledge, leadership, and English language skills.

At host institutions, participants enroll as full time students, taking courses in their field of study and American studies. Students connect with host families, and share their culture and history with American people by giving presentations on the Russian culture. Students also volunteer and participate in extracurricular activities in their local communities.

The program is funded by the U.S Embassy Moscow and covers all program related expenses, including tuition and fees, roundtrip airfare, health insurance, and visa costs.

The YEAR program manages the J-1 visa process, including issuing the DS-2019 Form.

YEAR Program Expectations From Host Institutions:

- provide a high quality academic program and logistical support to YEAR students.
- experience working with international students.
- ability to provide significant cost-share contribution to YEAR students' overall cost.
- availability to connect YEAR students with host families for holidays, weekends, or academic breaks.
- place students in on-campus housing and enroll them in a meal plan.
- guide YEAR students in identifying community service opportunities in the local community, if needed.

Application Deadline: March 31, 2021

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