



## Office of Global Engagement UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

### **General Information:**

Academic Training (AT) is designed to allow J-1 Students the opportunity to apply knowledge gained in the classroom to a practical work experience off-campus. It is available as full-time or part-time employment to those in both degree and non-degree programs. Academic training can be paid or unpaid, and can be used before or after the completion of the academic program.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be in valid J-1 status and in good academic standing at the school named on your Form DS-2019
- Academic training must be done with a specific employer/training site
- The proposed employment must be directly related to your major field of study
- Written approval must be obtained in advance for the duration of AT
- If your post-completion AT will be unpaid, you must prove you have adequate financial support for yourself and J-2 dependents (if any).

### **Duration of Academic Training:**

The duration of Academic Training depends on the type and duration of your academic program. However:

1. Under any circumstances, the duration of AT may not exceed the length of the academic program.
2. Part-time and full-time academic training are counted the same in regards to the total time allowed. Part-time academic training is not counted at half the rate of full-time.
3. AT used before completion of the academic program is deducted from the total time available.

### **Contact Information for Applying:**

Submit applications via the [compass.uga.edu](https://compass.uga.edu) portal. In the J-1 Student Services section, look for the Application and Recommendation for Academic Training Authorization.

Email: [your immigration advisor](#) for questions regarding Academic Training.