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## J-1 Professors, Scholars, and Specialists: Maintaining Status

Welcome to Pomona College. By signing Form DS-2019 and entering the U.S., you have agreed to "maintain status," i.e., adhere to the applicable U.S. immigration regulations that govern your stay in the U.S. as an Exchange Visitor (EV). More information on these regulations can be found:

- 1. On page 2 of your Form DS-2019;
- 2. In the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP)

- b. be incidental to the J-1 Exchange Visitor's primary program activities;
- c. not delay the completion date of the J-1 Exchange Visitor's program; and
- d. be documented in SEVIS.

A J-2 spouse may obtain employment authorization by applying for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The EAD is a work permit that allows the J-2 spouse to work full