

## Eligibility for Summer Work and Travel

University students who can demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English may apply for this program which allows them to work and learn about American culture during their summer holidays. This program is open to students who are pursuing degrees at the baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels.

### SWT Participants Must:

- Be able to speak English sufficiently well to succeed in an English-only speaking environment;
- Be post-secondary school students enrolled in and actively pursuing a degree or other full-time course of study at an accredited classroom-based, post-secondary educational institution outside the United States;
- Have successfully completed at least one semester or equivalent of post-secondary academic study;
- Be placed in an appropriate job prior to the visa interview;
- Read and understand the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Act pamphlet, **before** the interview. You can download a printable version [here](#) (PDF, 70Kb). Or [click here for an online version in Russian](#) (PDF, 242Kb); and
- Be able to complete the program within four months and return before the start of the new semester. See below for further details on timing requirements.

### Timing Requirements for Summer Work and Travel 2014

If you attend:	You may start the SWT Program on or after:	You must depart the U.S. and return to Uzbekistan on or before:
Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT)	1 June 2014	1 October 2014
Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) in Tashkent	1 June 2014	20 September 2014
Any public university in Uzbekistan	15 June 2014	1 September 2014

**NOTE:** You must be able to complete the SWT Program within four months and return before the start of the new semester.

All DS-2019 forms for SWT participants will have a Program Begin Date of **1 June 2014** and a Program End Date of **1 October 2014** in order to ensure all university students in Uzbekistan can participate in the SWT Program. If you are issued a J-1 visa, you can travel to the U.S. *after* your classes have finished. You must return to Uzbekistan *before* your classes start again.

You cannot miss any classes in order to participate in SWT.

If your questions are not answered in these sections, please check our FAQ for additional information.

Final year students who will graduate this year are eligible to take part in this program during the school's major academic break immediately following their graduation, as long as they apply to participate in the SWT program prior to graduation. There is no age limit to participate in SWT.

Part-time university students, distance-learning students, and students from vocational colleges or lyceum students are not eligible to participate.

### **The Role of a U.S. Sponsor**

Potential SWT participants are encouraged to contact any of the various U.S. sponsors and ascertain if there are designated agents in Uzbekistan. Visit <http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/sponsor-search/?program=Summer%20Work%20Travel> to identify a U.S. sponsor. **NOTE:** The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tashkent reminds prospective SWT participants that we do not endorse any particular agency or organization in Uzbekistan that administers the SWT program.

Local SWT agents are private companies that provide a service in exchange for a fee and are typically affiliated with a qualified U.S. sponsor. Participants should compare the fees and services provided by several different SWT facilitators in Uzbekistan.

### **Visa Application Process for the 2014 Summer Work and Travel (SWT) Program**

Applications to SWT can begin as soon as you have all your necessary documents (see below). In most cases, if you are using a SWT facilitator in Uzbekistan they will arrange all documents for you and also arrange a visa interview date for you. If you are not using a SWT facilitator (e.g. applying directly with a U.S.-based sponsor) you may arrange your own interview date using our online NIV appointment system.

The final day to apply for a visa for SWT participation is Friday, June 13, 2014.

### **The required documents to participate in the SWT program:**

1. Electronic application form DS-160. This application must be filled out electronically at <http://ceac.state.gov/genniv>. For Visa Type, select Exchange visitors – for SWT, your visa type is J1.
2. A passport valid for travel abroad.

3. A photograph taken within the past 6 months (photographs must be in color, 5cm X 5cm in size and on a white background).
4. Form DS-2019 for exchange visitor visas. This form is issued by the sponsoring organization.
5. Information about your job offer in the United States.
6. Form I-901 or I-797 proof of SEVIS payment
7. Documents to prove student status such as student IDs, transcripts and etc.

You should not arrive at the Embassy more than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. Early arrivals will not be allowed into the building.

Questions and inquiries about the Summer Work and Travel program may be directed to the Consular Section via e-mail at [tashkentwt@state.gov](mailto:tashkentwt@state.gov) or telephone: (998-71) 140-2215 and 140-2216 (extension 2). Telephone calls are accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 13:00 till 16:00.

Fees:

- \$160 application fee for each applicant.
- \$35 SEVIS fee for participation in Summer Work and Travel program.

[Important Notice for Exchange Visitors - SEVIS \(I-901\) Fee](#)

Remember, providing false or misleading information during a visa interview may lead to a permanent ineligibility to receive any U.S. visas in the future.