Required J-1 Health Insurance for J Students and Scholars

J Program Exchange visitors must maintain the required insurance for themselves and any J-2 status dependents for the entire duration of the academic program. Visitors are allowed a maximum of 10 days to provide proof of health insurance after checking in. This is done by completing the J-1 health insurance verification form at istart.uga.edu. Insurance documentation from outside the U.S. must be submitted through this online form in English.

Any exchange visitor who willfully refuses to comply with this requirement shall be considered to be in violation of his/her exchange visitor status. The program sponsor is obligated to inform the U.S. Department of State of exchange visitor non-compliance. Violation of this requirement shall result in termination of the visitor’s SEVIS record on the 11th day after his/her check in with OGE, and a loss of legal status in the U.S.

Insurance Requirements:

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Please note: The Consumer Choice HSA medical plan offered by UGA does NOT meet all of the insurance requirements listed above and may not be selected.

After you purchase insurance, please complete the J-1 insurance compliance form at istart.uga.edu

Private Insurance Companies (not condoned or recommended by OGE):
These companies may or may not be compliant with the U.S. Affordable Care Act (ACA). J-1 scholars who are not tax residents of the U.S. do not need to have an ACA compliant insurance plan. If you have been in the U.S. for more than 2 years, you are likely are a tax resident and you DO need an ACA compliant plan. If you are here in the U.S. for less than two years, you are probably NOT a tax resident, and you DO NOT need an ACA compliant plan.

- HTH World Wide [https://www.hthtravelinsurance.com/students_plans.cfm](https://www.hthtravelinsurance.com/students_plans.cfm)
- T. W. Lord & Associates 1-800-633-2360 or 770-427-2461

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United Healthcare Global | https://www.uhcsafetrip.com/
Compass Benefits | https://www.compassstudenthealthinsurance.com/
PGH Global (not ACA compliant) | https://www.pghstudent.com/
Seven Corners | https://www.sevencorners.com/
ISO Insurance | https://www.isoa.org/

**Medical Evacuation and Repatriation Plans:**
Please note: UGA Employee Benefits Insurance (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) does **NOT** cover the medical evacuation and repatriation of remains, so this coverage must be purchased under a separate plan.

The following are stand-alone policies for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains:
http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/explained/medical-evacuation-repatriation-insurance.php
https://producer.imglobal.com/international-insurance-plans.aspx?imgac=501753#specialty
https://www.medexassist.com/Individuals/Products/MEDEXPlusScholastic.aspx

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