

## Arrival Validation Information

The Validation of Initial Arrival is the final step required in the J-1 visa **initial** application process. This step must be done **immediately upon arrival** to the United States. Waiting to complete this step could result delays in your program start date or with payroll.

**UPON ARRIVAL TO THE U.S. PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR (GREEN BUILDING, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, ROOM G2.246) TO SEE THE HCMC TPL, JUDI SHURSON (Judith.shurson@hcmed.org) AND BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU:**

1. The [Validation of Initial Arrival](#) Form from ECFMG  
**NOTE:** You must list a residential address on the form; if you are currently searching for housing, please write where you are staying (hotel, relative, etc.) If you already have a permanent MN phone number please write it on the form.
2. Copy of most recent Form I-94 Arrival/Departure record, (or Form I-797 for internal change of status)
3. Your passport with the J-1 visa stamp.  
**NOTE:** Canadian citizens do not have J visa stamp

It is important that these documents are brought to me and not sent directly to ECFMC as the Validation of Initial Arrival form requires the TPL's signature.