

On-Campus Employment

F-1 students enrolled in Howard University are eligible to work on campus while attending classes. The work does not need to be related to the student's field of study. Students must maintain legal F-1 status while engaging in on-campus employment.

Our office defines on-campus employment as work performed directly at Howard University's physical campus. A simple way for students to determine if a job qualifies as on-campus is by asking the employer if they will be paying through the Howard University payroll. In some cases, jobs provided by third parties may also be considered on campus.

Note that F-1 and J-1 international students are not eligible for federal work-study employment; do not apply for jobs that hire only work-study students.

Unlike CPT, students can obtain/start employment without been enrolled full-time for at least 9 months (one academic year) at Howard University.

Eligibility of on-campus employment.

Students are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week on-campus during the fall and Spring terms, and up to 40 hours per week during the vacation/break period. To be eligible, you must:

Be 'in-status.'

Be enrolled in a full-time course of study.

Not have reached your program end date.





Examples of On-campus employment

- (1) Working for the Howard University's Departments
- (2) Working for on campus dining services; Third Party company may be considered on campus employment
- (3) Teaching Assistantship at Howard University
- (4) Research Assistantship at Howard University

Social Security Number

If you plan to work in the U.S., you must have proper authorization and apply for an SSN.

*If you do not have SSN and obtain a job, you must report it to our office. Students must provide our office with an official offer letter from the employer. ISO will issue another letter for Social Security Administration confirming the student is a F-1 student and requires a SSN to get paid.

