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GACC GO J1 VISA PROGRAM DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY POLICY

This privacy notice is given in connection with the processing of your personal data for the GACC Go J1 visa program. Without your data, it is unfortunately not possible for us to process your registration. You can find our general privacy policy [here](#).

Data Controller is:

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What information we collect and how we use it

Through the visa application process, we collect the following data: Personal details, CV, educational status, passport scans, health insurance status, German residence permit (if applicable), criminal record, past visa applications. This information will be stored and used by us for the following purposes:

1. Compiling your personal information into a comprehensive visa application to submit to the relevant US authorities,
2. Contacting you during the program regarding health and safety issues,
3. Contacting you during the program regarding cultural events.

Your data will be processed by us as a company based in the US and therefore naturally always outside the EU, namely in the US, and may therefore be accessible to other people outside the EU.

We secure all data transmissions via online web application or by email using industry-standard encryption, including strict HTTPS protocols, Transport Layer Security (TLS), and cryptographic authentication, to ensure your data remains confidential in transit. Despite these protective measures, data transmission over the public internet may be affected by external factors beyond our control. We therefore recommend using secure network environments when transmitting sensitive data.

Legal Basis

As the process might include sensitive data, the collection, storage and usage of your information is based on your explicit consent given during the application process pursuant to Article 6 (1) a) GDPR. Where no sensitive data is concerned, it is based on its necessity for the fulfillment of the GACC Visa service contract, Article 6 (1) b) GDPR.

Disclosures of your information

Your information will be shared with all relevant US authorities. These are: State Dept., Homeland Security, USCIS, Social Security Administration, Dept. of Labor, Customs and Border Protection, DMV. It will also be shared with MyCRMMManager, which provides the data management platform to compile your application information and contact you in the process. MyCRMMManager is compliant with the GDPR. Their privacy statement can be read [here](#). We may release your information to the regulatory or law enforcement authorities, if we are required to do so.



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Storage period

Your data will be stored for ten years after the program completion as required by US law. After this, we may store and use parts of your information, namely the duration of your stay, your contact info and your host company for statistical purposes and to do alumni outreach. Retention periods result from tax and commercial law regulations (10 years).

Your rights as a data subject

According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation, you have the following rights:

If your personal data is processed, you have the right to access the data stored concerning you (Art. 15 GDPR).

If inaccurate personal data is processed, you have the right to rectification (Art. 16 GDPR). If the legal requirements are met, you may request the erasure or restriction of processing as well as object to processing (Art. 17, 18 and 21 GDPR). However, we will not be able to provide any further Talent Pool / career services to you without your data. If you have consented to the data processing and the data processing is carried out with the help of automated procedures, you may have a right to data portability (Art. 20 GDPR). Should you make use of your above-mentioned rights, GACCNY will check whether the legal requirements for this are met. To exercise your rights, please contact the GACCNY: dataprivacy@gaccny.com.

Other websites

Please note that clicking on links and advertising banners may lead to redirection to third-party websites where other data processing rules apply. Visitors should inform themselves in advance about the data protection procedures of these websites, as we are generally neither responsible nor liable for information that is sent to these third-party providers by clicking on them.

Changes to our Privacy Policy

GACCNY may change this privacy notice at any time. If we change our notice in the future, the revised version will be uploaded to our website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our online privacy policy, please contact us at any time by email at dataprivacy@gaccny.com.

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