



MOST COMMON NON-IMMIGRANT VISA CLASSIFICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Visa	Name of Visa	Change from this Visa Status?	Employment Limitations	Length of Stay	Extensions	Necessary Forms	Processing Time	Remarks
WB B-1	<u>Waiver for Business</u> Visitor for Business	Not possible for WB	No employment. Reimbursement , per diem and /or honoraria possible for "usual academic activities"; subject to restrictions. <i>Consult with Accounting and Fiscal Services.</i>	Determined at port of entry; not to exceed 1 year.	Not possible for WB	Letter of invitation to U.S. & other documentation determined by Consulate.	Depends on consular post.	For B-1: Consul abroad issues; USCIS extends stay in U.S.
WT B-2	<u>Waiver for Tourism</u> Visitor for Pleasure	Not possible for WT	No employment. See WB/B-1 info. Consult with <i>Accounting and Fiscal Services.</i>	Usually 6 months	Not possible for WT	Documentation determined by Consulate for B-2 applicants.	Depends on consular post.	For B-2: Consul abroad issues; USCIS extends stay in U.S.
F-1	Student	Possible	On-campus: part-time O.K. Off campus, only with permission of IC and USCIS after 9 months in student status.	Until completion of degree program	Possible	Form I-20	Variable; depends on home country. May need exit visa	Consul abroad issues; USCIS extends stay in U.S. through SEVIS.
F-2	Spouse or dependent of F-1	Possible	May not be employed	Depends on Stay of Principal F-1	Possible	Form I-20 for Dependents.	Same as F-1	
H1B	Visiting Scholar of distinguished merit to temporary specific job	Possible	May only be employed by petitioner. Limited to job duties, location and other as indicated on petition.	Up to 6 years	For 3 years at a time. Total of 6 years	Form I-129, copies of degrees, CV, & Chair letter. DOL approved Labor Condition Application filed with USCIS by IC	Allow 6 months; petition sent to U.S. Consulate for individuals outside the U.S.	USCIS approves; Consul issues and USCIS extends stay in U.S. Any changes to job duties & location must be discussed with IC.
H-4	Spouse or dependent of H-1B	Possible	May not be employed	Depends on principal H-1B	Depends on principal H-1B/I-539 Proof of relationship			
J-1	Exchange Visitor (Professor, Lecturer, Researcher, Student)	2 year stay outside of U.S. may be required	Depends on terms of particular exchange visitor programs and permission of sponsor. Student category on J-1 limited to 50% in academic year. No MD medical/clinical training except ECFMG.	Students: Duration of program. Professors & Researchers: 5 years.	Maximum stay: 5 years, except M.D. training (ECFMG)	DS2019	Allow 3 months.	Department of State administers program. Change of Category or objective not permitted.
J-2	Spouse or dependent of J-1	Same as J-1	Must obtain EAD card.	Depends on principal J-1.	Depends on principal J-1	DS2019 for Dependents	Allow 3 months.	
TN	Canadian or Mexican Professionals under NAFTA	Possible	Employer specific. Issued in one-year increments.	Indefinite	Must be extended annually.	Letter of employment	Allow 3 months.	Consult with IC.

IC: International Center **USCIS:** United States Citizenship & Immigration Services **DOL:** Department of Labor **ECFMG:** Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

*****Please Note: The information provided is a general overview of visa status and is subject to change without prior notice*****