

## International Student and Scholar Services

North Decatur Building Suite 130 ● Emory University ● Atlanta, GA 30322

Tel: (404) 727-3300 ● Fax: (404) 727-0830 ● www.emory.edu/iss



**EMORY**  
UNIVERSITY

### Choosing the Right Immigration Status for Your International Scholar

Purpose of Visit	Type of Status	Length of stay	Financial Support	Immigration Sponsorship	Processing Time	Special Notes
To attend a conference or seminar, deliver one-time lecture, observe, offer one-time academic consultation, or participate in a study trip	<b>B-1, B-2, WB or WT Visitor</b>	Normally 90 days	Any; if honorarium by Emory, must meet the 9-5-6 rule	Self	As earlier as possible; visa application at U.S. Consulate if not eligible for visa waiver	Immigration rules governing B visitor visa also apply to people from the countries eligible for the Visa Waiver Program  Cannot be employed by Emory
To lecture, teach, observe, or attend longer seminar or conference	<b>J-1 Short-Term Scholar</b>	Up to 6 months	Any source including personal funding	Emory	No later than 3 months prior to start date	Must return home after J-1 stay  Back-to-back J-1 scholar visits aren't allowed; must have at least one academic year apart and for a different J-1 objective
To participate in a student internship program that will fulfill educational objectives back home	<b>J-1 Student Intern</b>	3 weeks to 12 months	Any source including personal funding	Emory	No later than 3 months prior to start date	Not the same as J-1 Intern; must be currently enrolled in university outside U.S.; not available to people who have already graduated  Must return to home school abroad to resume their post-secondary studies
To conduct research; may consult in connection with a research project; may teach or lecture as a visiting scholar	<b>J-1 Research Scholar</b>	3 weeks to 5 years	Any source including personal funding	Emory	No later than 3 months prior to start date	No tenure track; upon completion, subject to the 24-Month Bar on repeat participation as J-1 Research Scholar/Professor  Must return home after J-1 stay.
To teach, lecture or conduct research as a visiting scholar	<b>J-1 Professor</b>	3 weeks to 5 years	Any source including personal funding	Emory	No later than 3-4 months prior to start date	No tenure track; upon completion, subject to the 24-Month Bar on repeat participation as J-1 Research Scholar/Professor  Must return home after J-1 stay.

To demonstrate highly specialized skills, consult in connection with a research project, or observe as a visiting scholar	<b>J-1 Specialist</b>	3 weeks to 12 months	Any source including personal funding	Emory	No later than 3-4 months prior to start date	Must be a world-renowned expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill.  After completion, may not return as J-1 Research Scholar or Professor for 12 months  Must return home after J-1 stay.
To work in a specialty occupation position that requires a bachelor's degree or higher in a specific major field of study	<b>H-1B Specialty Occupation Worker</b>	Up to 3 years at a time; with the personal maximum of 6 years	100% Emory salary; must be certified by Department of Labor	Emory	No later than 6 months prior to start date	Option to upgrade to USCIS Premium Processing if speedy adjudication is needed  Dual Intent allows for H-1B to apply for permanent residency without jeopardizing H-1B status
To work in one of the designated NAFTA occupations  Must be a citizen of Canada or Mexico	<b>TN NAFTA Professional</b>	Up to 3 years initially, with extensions but must prove temporary intent	100% Emory salary	Emory	Can apply at border If applying inside the U.S. in which case must initiate request no later than 3 – 6 months ahead of time if in U.S.	Mexican citizens must apply at consulate for visa; position must meet NAFTA Professions List guidelines; no tenure track positions
To work in a position that requires someone of extraordinary ability to conduct research, teach, demonstrate, etc.  Must have achieved and sustained international claim as a person of extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business, etc.	<b>O-1 Person of Extraordinary Ability</b>	Up to 3 years initially, with annual extensions thereafter	100% Emory salary	Emory	No later than 6 months prior to start date	Sufficient evidence required to prove their international claim  Involves high cost and complex adjudication process at USCIS
To work in a specialty occupation position that requires a bachelor's degree or higher in a specific major field of study  Only available to Australian citizens	<b>E-3 Australian Treaty Worker</b>	Up to 2 years at a time, with extensions but must prove temporary intent	100% Emory salary; must be certified by Department of Labor	Emory	No later than 3 months prior if visa process abroad; no later than 6 months prior to start date if within the U.S.	The same qualifications as H-1B but a different length of stay.  Inquire with USSS for processing details as relatively new and emerging category with changes