CHECKLIST
J-2 CHANGING TO H-1B STATUS
(Revised 12/13/2019)

For ISSS to prepare an H-1B petition, the following steps are required in this exact order.

- **Step 1:** Initial Request for H-1B Petition
- **Step 2:** Department Request for H-1B Scholar: Department must complete this form.
- **Step 3:** Beneficiary Information Form: Department may complete this form OR the beneficiary of the H-1B.

Please see the procedures and documents needed for each step below:

**Step 1: Initial Request for H-1B Petition**

Before a hiring unit can move on to any specific request for an H-1B, ISSS requires that the hiring unit provide an initial request for H-1B petition. This first step allows ISSS to learn more about the position, review any issues, and ensure eligibility for the position and potential beneficiary prior to the full request being received.

Copies of job descriptions will be reviewed during this step if they are acceptable for an H-1B petition. It is highly encouraged for a smooth and quick approval for departments to use the standard university format and clearly state all details of the position requirements.

I. **GATHER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

In order to complete this step/form you will need the following information:

- Copy of Job Description (in .doc, .docx format only)
  - Utilize our Template: [H-1B Job Description Template](#)
- Department of Hire
- Position Title of Requested Position
- Position Job Code
- Expected/Planned Start Date
- Supervisor Information

IF a Beneficiary for the position has already been chosen the following information is also needed for the initial request:

- Name of Beneficiary
- Employee ID (if currently an employee)
- Information regarding their current VISA status (if applicable)
- Copy of Current CV/Resume of Beneficiary
- Information regarding previous J-1/J-2 time in the U.S.
II. COMPLETE INITIAL REQUEST FOR H-1B PETITION

Complete the following online form: Initial Request for H-1B Petition

III. ISSS REVIEWS SUBMISSION

After submission of the Initial Request for H-1B petition ISSS will meet as a committee and review all requests and approve, deny or request additional information for this initial request.

Once approval has occurred, ISSS will allow the department to move on to the next step in our process, and a specific case number and specialist are assigned to each case.

Step 2: Department Request for H-1B Scholar
(Cannot be complete until Step 1 has been approved)

In order to complete this form, you will need to have
- Collected the required documents and information
- Created UCD Payment Voucher at CU Marketplace
- Entered and uploaded information about the H1B Beneficiary using the “Deemed and Hand Carried” module component of Visual Compliance

I. COLLECTING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

Documents/Information from Hiring Department:
- Departmental Memo (Template)
- Letter of Offer, or Faculty Recommendation Form (School of Medicine)
- Actual Wage Memo (Template)
- Copy of Official Position Description (including minimum and/or preferred requirements), or copy of position as listed on Jobs at CU
- FedEx speed type for FedEx air bill to send petition to USCIS. If premium processing is used, ISSS will generate 2nd another FedEx air bill for USCIS to return approval notice to ISSS
- Filing fees
- Information regarding number of locations employee will be performing work duties (Name and Actual Physical Street Address)
- Responses to the following questions served as part of our evidence to USCIS to provide a stronger argument for the H-1B petition:
  - 2-3 sentence description and mission of Department/Division/Unit
  - 2-3 sentences that sum up the position and gives a concise overview of the position and the duties it will entail
• How does the Beneficiary meet the prescribed minimum requirements for the position?

II. **CREATING UCD PAYMENT AND VOUCHER AT CU MARKETPLACE**
   - **Supplier:** Use the “Supplier Search” function and type in “U.S. Department of Homeland.” Select “California Service Center” from the list of options.
   - **Payee Type:** Non-Employee
   - **Warrant Delivery Code:** Select "Campus Mail" and type “A005/185” for CU Denver requests as campus mailbox and “MS F571” for CU Anschutz requests. The check will be sent directly to ISSS.
   - **Business Purpose:** Select “Immigration/Visa Fees” and include the H-1B Beneficiary’s name in the description.
   - **Amount:** Include the appropriate amounts from the chart below.

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Fee Amounts</th>
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<td>H-1B (Form I-129 filing fee)</td>
<td>$460 (Must be a separate check or voucher)</td>
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<td>H-1B (anti-fraud fee for initial petition, this means anyone new to the university or changing from another non-immigrant status)</td>
<td>$500 (Must be a separate check or voucher)</td>
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<td>Premium processing (Form I-907, this optional fee guarantees H1B petition will be adjudicated within 15 calendar days of receipt by USCIS.)</td>
<td>$1,440 (Must be a separate check or voucher)</td>
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   - **Commodity Code:** 13 - Professional Services and Training
   - **Account:** 552626
   - **Invoice Number:** This is a unique identifier for your department's tracking purposes. In the absence of a departmental system for invoices, the H-1B beneficiary’s last name or initials combined with “H1B” to identify the purpose of the invoice can be entered here. For example, “JonesH1B.”

III. **ENTERING AND UPLOADING INFORMATION USING THE “DEEMED AND HAND CARRIED” MODULE COMPONENT OF VISUAL COMPLIANCE**
   - More information on Export Controls and H-1B Petitions [here](http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1055.pdf)
   - Individuals logging into the module for the first time are required to register with the system [here](http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1055.pdf)

IV. **COMPLETE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR H-1B SCHOLAR**
   Department will complete Department Request for H-1B Scholar using the link provided by ISSS.
V. ISSS REVIEWS DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR H-1B SCHOLAR

After submission of the Department Request for H-1B Scholar ISSS the assigned specialist to the case will review the information submitted for its completeness. The specialist will approve, deny, or request additional information that was not included or incomplete on the request.

Incomplete requests may be denied and resubmission will be required for denied requests. To ensure efficiency and successful submission and approval of forms, contact ISSS if you have questions on how to respond to any part of the online form.

Once approval has occurred, ISSS will approve the department to move on to the next step in our process.

Step 3: Completion of Beneficiary Information Form
(Cannot be complete until Step 2 has been approved)

In order to complete this form you will need to have
- Collected the required documents and information for Beneficiary

I. COLLECTING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

Documents/Information from J-2 Exchange Visitor:
- Copies of passport identity and validity page(s)
- Copies of pages in current and previous passports with visa and entry/exit stamps
- Copy of current I-94 record printed from https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/
- Copies of current DS-2019 and ALL previous DS-2019 and IAP-66 forms
- Evidence that J-1 primary is in status: Copies of passport identity and validity pages, I-94 record; DS-2019 forms, and current pay stub or other documentation of ongoing J program
- List of all dates scholar spent in J-1 or J-2 status in U.S.
- If subject to 212(e),
  - Evidence that scholar spent two years in home country after end of J program in US; or
  - Waiver approval notice
- Copy of Employment Authorization Document (EAD), if any
- Updated Curriculum Vitae or Resume, including list of publications
- Copies of academic degrees, including diplomas, transcripts, English translations and foreign credential evaluations (if applicable)
- If involved in any patient care,
  - Colorado medical or dental license
  - Documentation of graduation from medical school in the US or a foreign state OR full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a foreign state
  - Evidence of passage of Steps 1, 2, and 3 of the U.S. MLE. (Step 3 not required if Beneficiary completed med school in U.S.)
  - ECFMG Certificate (Canadian citizens exempt)
– Information regarding VISA Processing Post/Location of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where the employee will apply for H-1B VISA. If Canadian, please provide Port of Entry location

II. COMPLETE BENEFICIARY INFORMATION FORM

Department or Beneficiary will complete Department Request for H-1B Scholar using the link provided by ISSS.

III. ISSS REVIEWS BENEFICIARY INFORMATION FORM

After submission of the Beneficiary Information Form ISSS the assigned specialist to the case will review the information submitted for its completeness. The specialist will approve, deny, or request additional information that was not included or incomplete on the request.

Incomplete requests may be denied and resubmission will be required for denied requests. To ensure efficiency and successful submission and approval of forms, contact ISSS if you have questions on how to respond to any part of the online form.

Once approval has occurred, ISSS will officially begin the process to compile and file the H-1B Petition to USCIS.

Basic H-1B Process Timeline for Filing Petition (4-6 weeks)

1. ISSS Determines Wage of Offered Position
2. ISSS filed Labor Condition Application (LCA) to Department of Labor (DOL)
3. DOL approves LCA after posting verification from Department (1 week after filed)
4. ISSS gathers petition documentation for petition
5. ISSS performs internal review of H-1B petition
6. ISSS files/ships H-1B petition to USCIS