

COMPARISON OF CRITERIA FOR I-140 PETITIONS NOT REQUIRING LABOR CERTIFICATION

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Extraordinary Ability</u> One of small % at very top of field. Documentation from 3 of list of types of evidence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outstanding Researcher</u> International recognition as outstanding. Documentation from 2 of list of types of evidence</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Schedule A, Group II</u> Wide-spread acclaim and international recognition. Documentation from 2 of types of evidence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>National Interest Waiver</u> No set list of criteria for advanced degree holder.</p>
1. Nobel, Gold Medal, or lesser international or national awards.	1. Major award	1. Nobel or lesser international awards for excellence	Benefit national in scope
2. Member of association requiring outstanding achievement.	2. Member of association requiring outstanding achievement	2. Member of international associations requiring outstanding achievement	Work in area of substantial Intrinsic merit.
3. Trade publications /other media about person's work.	3. Professional publications about scholar's work	3. Professional publications about scholar's work	Work substantially more important than others' work in field.
4. Judge of work of others.	4. Judge of work of others	4. Judge of work of others	Could not be replaced by any available worker.
5. Original contributions of major significance.	5. Original contributions.	5. Original contributions of major significance.	Work has measurable influence in field.
6. Authorship in major professional or trade pubs, or other major media.	6. Authorship in international professional publications	6. Authorship in international professional publications	Significant past accomplishments.
7. Display at artistic exhibitions.		7. Display at artistic exhibits in more than 1 country.	Findings have changed/ influenced approach of others in field.
8. Performed leading/critical role for orgs with distinguished reputation.			Work must be exceptional.
9. Evidence of high salary compared to others in field.			
No specific degree or experience requirement.	Ph.D. plus 3 years prior experience (not including thesis research usually)	No degree specified. At least 1 year experience requiring exceptional ability.	Master's degree+ or exceptional ability.
No job offer required. Can self-petition.	"Permanent" job offer, University petition.	Regular job offer, University petition.	No job offer required. Can self-petition.