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SUMMARY OF MOST FREQUENTLY USED NON-IMMIGRANT VISA OPTIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS AT UCDENVER

The following is intended as a general overview. If you have further questions about which visa status is appropriate for a specific situation, please call (303) 315-2230 and ask for an international scholar advisor who will help you determine the best visa option for a particular visitor.

Nature of Appointment	Non-Immigrant Visa Options
Short-term visitor – 9 days; receiving honorarium and/or reimbursement of expenses; Longer than 9 days, reimbursement only. Observing, lecturing.	B status: B1, B2, WB and WT
Short-term visitor – more than 9 days; reimbursement only. Observing, lecturing.	B-1 or WB status; NOT B-2 or WT
Short-term visitor more than 90 days and less than 6 months. May include reimbursement and/or payment for services, including salary.	J-1 Short-term Scholar (up to 6 months)
Post-doctoral fellow, faculty (visiting or regular), or staff appointment.	F-1 Practical Training (1 year) E-3 Australian specialty occupation (2- year initial and extension, no definite
Appropriate visa type depends on various factors.	limit) J-1 Research Scholar or Professor (up to 5 years)(cannot be tenure-eligible) J-1 Academic Training (18 months or 3 years if postdoctoral) H-1B Temporary Worker (up to 6 years total)
	 TN – Canadian, Mexican, Singaporean, or Chilean Citizens Only (3 years at a time, no definite limit) O-1 Extraordinary Ability or Achievement (3 years initial, 1 year extensions, no definite limit)