

**Temporary Visa Options for Academic Physician Employment
UC Denver International Student & Scholar Services**

Visa Option	Requirements	Clinical Privileges	Availability	Processing Time
J-1 Non-clinical Professor or Researcher	Academic appointment such as post-doctoral or regular fellow, visiting, faculty; may not be used for a tenure track position. J sponsor required, otherwise ECFMG sponsorship. UCD requires invitation, faculty sponsor, proof of insurance.	None; may not touch patients at all.	Immediate to those eligible applicants who have not been in J-1 status in the previous 2 years: maximum stay 5 years	DOCUMENT: DS2019 ISS: 1 week VISA: up to one to two months if Visa required. Security clearance can vary depending on need for visa
J-1 clinical	ECFMG certification; medical resident appointment through GME; and state of Colorado Physician Training License. ECFMG sponsorship only	Clinical training specific to the program under the supervision of a licensed qualified physician with UCDHSC faculty appointment. Generally may not moonlight in house. No moonlighting for outside employer.	Granted in 12 month increments; maximum eligibility 7 years	DOCUMENT: DS-2019 from ECFMG ECFMG: three to four months VISA: up to one to two months if Visa required. Security clearance can vary depending on need for visa
Treaty NAFTA (TN) Canadian and Mexican Citizens	Medical diploma; Job offer Letter; Position that is predominately "teaching and research with incidental patient care;" Proof of citizenship	Not clear that patient care permitted.	Granted in 12 month increments	DOCUMENT: I-129 if in US, special offer letter if not ISS: 1 to 2 weeks MEXICAN VISA: Mexican citizens require visa. Canadian citizens do not
O-1 Physician of Extraordinary Ability	Proof that they have achieved sustained national or international acclaim and recognition for expertise in the field by providing evidence of: receipt of a major internationally recognized award such as the Nobel prize or at least three of the following: Major prizes or awards of significant prestige; Memberships in associations requiring outstanding achievement of their members; Published material about the alien's work; Participation as the judge of the work of others in the field; Sustained record of original achievements; Sustained record of authorship of scholarly publications; Employment in a critical or essential capacity; High salary or remuneration received for services. Appropriate Colorado medical license; NO USMLE required.	Full clinical care.	Initial approval period limited to 3 years; extensions may be granted in 12 month increments; probably cannot be extended longer than 10 years.	DOCUMENT: I-129 ISS: Four to six months gathering evidence USCIS: 2 to 6 months VISA: Up to one to two months if Visa required. Security clearance can vary depending on need for visa

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H-1B Resident or clinical fellow	<p>If accepted for residency or clinical fellowship, GME must agree to waive GME's requirement that all residents requiring visa must use ECFMG J-1 status.</p> <p>Academic credentials. Appropriate Colorado Medical license; if not graduated from a U.S. or Canadian medical school, must have either full & unrestricted license to practice medicine in home country or graduated from foreign medical school. If not a graduate of a US medical school, must pass USMLE Steps I, II, & III; demonstrate competence in oral and written English (ECFMG Certification)</p>	Full clinical care	Granted in increments of one year to 3 years and renewable in increments of 1 to 3 years for a total maximum stay of 6 years. If full program, including residency and any fellowships, will take 5-6 years, H-1B probably not desirable.	<p>DOCUMENT: I-129 ISS: 1-2 weeks USCIS: 2 to 4 months Premium processing takes 15 days. VISA At US consulate abroad: one day to two months depending on security clearance</p>
H-1B Clinical faculty	<p>Academic credentials. Appropriate Colorado Medical license; if not graduated from a U.S. or Canadian medical school, must have either full & unrestricted license to practice medicine in home country or graduated from foreign medical school. If not a graduate of a US medical school, must pass USMLE Steps I, II, & III; demonstrate competence in oral and written English, have ECFMG Certification.</p>	Full clinical care	Clinical faculty who have had ECFMG J-1 are ineligible for this option until granted a waiver of the 2-year rule or have worked in their home country for 2 years after J-1 status.	<p>DOCUMENT: I-129 ISS: 1-2 weeks USCIS: 2 to 4 months Premium processing takes 15 days. VISA At US consulate abroad: one day to two months depending on security clearance</p>
H-1B of International or National Renown	<p>Academic credentials. Appropriate Colorado Medical License. Letters from experts in the field attesting to the physician's national or international reputation as a clinician and/or scholar; proof of awards or prizes, memberships in associations requiring outstanding achievement of their members; published material about the alien's work; participation as the judge of the work of others in the field; copies of publications;</p> <p>Not required to have USMLE. Must have appropriate Colorado medical license.</p>	Full clinical care	<p>Granted in increments of one year to 3 years and renewable in increments of 1 to 3 years for a total maximum stay of 6 years</p> <p>Clinical faculty who have had ECFMG J-1 are not eligible for this option until they are granted a waiver of the 2-year rule or have worked in their home country for 2 years after J-1 status.</p>	<p>DOCUMENT: I-129 ISS: 1-2 week USCIS: 2 to 4 months Premium processing takes 15 days. VISA At US consulate outside US: one day to two months depending on security clearance</p>

<p>H-1B regular, non-clinical faculty</p>	<p>Academic credentials.</p>	<p>Incidental patient care, if licensed appropriately.</p>	<p>Granted in increments of one year to 3 years and renewable in increments of 1 to 3 years for a total maximum stay of 6 years.</p> <p>Clinical faculty who have had ECFMG J-1 are not eligible for this option until they are granted a waiver of the 2-year rule or have worked in their home country for 2 years after J-1 status.</p>	<p>DOCUMENT: I-129 ISS: 1-2 week USCIS: 2 to 4 months Premium processing: 15 days. VISA At US consulate outside the US: one day to two months depending on security clearance</p>
<p>E-3 Australian citizens only</p>	<p>Medical diploma; job offer letter; proof of citizenship. Not required to have USMLE.</p>	<p>Full clinical care or anything less.</p>	<p>Granted in increments of up to two years. No maximum stay limitation.</p>	<p>DOCUMENT: LCA ISS: 1-2 weeks VISA: At US consulate outside the US: several days, usually.</p>