

Visas	Name of Visa	How this visa category is used at UCI	Employment Limitations	Length of Stay	Dependents	How to request	Processing Time	Remarks
WB B-1	<u>Waiver for Business</u> Visitor for Business	Short-term visit (less than 9 days); cannot hold UCI appointment; cannot enroll in academic Institution.	No employment. Reimbursement, per diem and/or honoraria possible for "usual academic activities"; subject to restrictions. <i>Consult with Accounting & Fiscal Services</i> about payments.	Determined at port of entry; extension not possible for WB/WT	Must apply for own B-1/B-2 visas. Cannot enroll in an academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.	Visitor takes a letter of invitation & other documentation determined by Consulate.	Depends on consular post.	For visitors to the campus who require an extended stay (generally over 9 days) for consultation, research, & observation require a UCI appointment and cannot be on this visa category.
	WT B-2							
F-1	Student	Degree-seeking students; EAP Reciprocity Students.	On-campus; part-time. Off campus, only with permission of IC & USCIS after 9 months in student status	Unit completion of degree or program	F-2 ; Cannot enroll in academic institution; cannot work	For new students – Graduate Students: IGSP Packet. UG Students through Admission Office.	Variable; depends on the home country.	Must be enrolled full-time each quarter, unless authorized by IC
H1-B	Temporary Worker in Specialty Occupation	Tenure-track faculty positions, other approved academic titles or SRA II & above in certain conditions.	May only be employed by petitioner. Limited to job duties, location & other as indicated on petition.	Up to three years at a time, for six year maximum.	H-4 : May enroll in academic institution. Cannot work.	Form I-29. Copies of degrees, CV, & Chair letter. DOL approved Labor Condition Application filed with USCIS by IC.	Allow 6 months; petition sent to U.S. Consulate for individuals outside the U.S.	USCIS approves; Consul issues & USCIS extends stay in U.S. Any changes to job duties & location must be discussed with IC.
J-1	Exchange Visitor (Professor, Lecturer, Researcher)	Professor/Researchers must have academic title or SRA II & above	Depends on term of particular exchange visitor programs & permission of sponsor. Student category on J-1 limited to 50% in academic year. No medical/clinical training except ECFMG sponsored	Professors & Researchers; 5 years.	J-2 : May enroll in an academic institution. Eligible to apply for authorization to work in the U.S.	Submit: New Request for DS-2019 Forms A and B, & supporting documents; continuing Forms C.	Allow 3 months.	May be subject to 24 month bar. Change of visa from J may be restricted if subject to two-year home residency requirement. Change of Category or objective not permitted.
	Students	Students: degree seeking students		Students: Duration of program		Students: new students complete IGSP. Continuing students submit DS-2019 Request Form C for students		
TN	Canadian or Mexican Professionals under NAFTA	Employees from Canada or Mexico meet eligibility for TN Category.	One-year increments	Indefinite; some limitations.	TD : May enroll in academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.	Letter of employment	Allow 3 months.	Consult with IC.

IC: International Center USCIS: United States Citizenship & Immigration Services DOL: Department of Labor ECFMG: Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

Important: This chart provides general overview of commonly used visa categories for academic-related activities at UCI. Information can change and may not be applicable to all situations. Contact the UCI International Center at 949.824.7249 to discuss appropriate visa categories.