

Nonimmigrant Status Selection

Nonimmigrant Category	Description	Maximum Duration of Stay	Where to Begin
B-1/B-2 Combined Visa for Business or Pleasure	Engaged in business activities or visiting for travel, tourism, or recreation	6 months	Schedule a visa interview appointment and apply for a visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad , generally in your country of residence.
E-3	Citizens of Australia performing work in specialty occupations	24 months initially (can be renewed indefinitely)	Complete the online DS-160 application form. Schedule a visa interview appointment at a Consulate in your region. Visit the U.S. Embassy - Canberra website for additional documents and application procedure instructions.
F-1 Student	Engaged in a full course of academic or language study	Until completion of academic objective plus 12 additional months for practical training	Students seeking admission at ISU should apply at the International Admissions page . Upon confirmation that all admission requirements have been met, applicants will be sent a Certificate of Eligibility Form I-20.
H-1B	Employee performing services in a specialty occupation	3 years maximum with extensions allowed up to a total of 6 years	Program sponsors (ISU departments) should complete an application on CyStart . After U.S. Immigration approves ISU's application, the international employee should contact a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for the H-1B visa.
J-1 Student	Engaged in full-time study and making progress toward an academic objective	Until completion of academic objective plus 18 additional months for academic training	Students seeking admission at ISU should apply at the International Admissions page . Upon confirmation that all admission requirements have been met, applicants will be sent a Certificate of Eligibility Form DS-2019.
J-1 Student Non-Degree	Engaged in full-time study	24 months maximum	Students seeking admission at ISU should apply at the International Admissions page . Upon confirmation that all admission requirements have been met, applicants will be sent a Visa Eligibility Form DS-2019.
J-1 Short-Term Scholar	Lecturing, observing, consulting, training, or demonstrating special skills	6 months maximum	Program sponsors (ISU departments) should complete an application on CyStart in order to issue a Form DS-2019. Upon receipt of the Form DS-2019 scholars should contact a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for the J-1 visa.

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J-1 Specialist	Expert in a field of specialized knowledge or skill; coming to the U.S. to observe, consult or demonstrate special skills	1 year maximum	Program sponsors (ISU departments) should complete an application on CyStart in order to issue a Form DS-2019. Upon receipt of the Form DS-2019 Scholars should contact a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for the J-1 visa.
J-1 Research Scholar	Conducting research, observing or consulting in connection with a research project	5 years maximum	Program sponsors (ISU departments) should complete an application on CyStart in order to issue a Form DS-2019. Upon receipt of Form DS-2019, Scholars should contact a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for the J-1 visa.
J-1 Professor	Primarily teaching, lecturing, observing or consulting	5 years maximum	Program sponsors (ISU departments) should complete an application on CyStart in order to issue Form DS-2019. Upon receipt of Form DS-2019, Scholars should contact a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for the J-1 visa.
J-1 Student Intern	Student enrolled in a degree program overseas to participate in an internship related to that degree program	1 year maximum	Program sponsors (ISU departments) should complete an application on CyStart in order to issue Form DS-2019. Form DS-7002 also required. Upon receipt of Form DS-2019, Student Interns should contact a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for the J-1 visa.
WB/WT	Citizens of certain countries traveling for tourism or business	90 days maximum	Apply for travel authorization through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) . See VWP Country List for a list of countries eligible for WB status.
TN	Citizens of Canada and Mexico performing work in specialty occupations	3 years initially (can be renewed indefinitely)	Contact ISSO for further information and application procedures. Visit the U.S. Department of State website for more information including a list of specialty occupations.