



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR VISA TYPES AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Visa Type	Typical Use	Pros	Cons	Processing Time	Duration	Estimated Department Financial Expense
J-1 Exchange Visitor	Postdocs, research associates, visiting professors	Fast, inexpensive, dependents may work	May be subject to two-year home residency requirement	10 business days	5 years maximum	\$45-\$90
H-1B Temporary Workers	Tenure track or permanent positions	Good for up to 6 years; can transition to permanent residency	Longer process; more expensive	6 months typically; can be expedited for a fee	3 years initially; 6 years maximum	\$1,460--\$2,685
O-1 Person of Extraordinary Ability	Exceptional professor/researcher ineligible for J or H	Useful if no other option	Very high standard to prove	2-4 months	3 years initially; no maximum	\$535--\$905
TN-Treaty NAFTA	Canadians in certain fields	Easy; only requires a letter	Must qualify	Negligible	1 year initially; no maximum	N/A
B1-Business Travelers	Short visit by observer, speaker, conference attendee	No immigration document processing by CSU necessary	Payments limited to 9 days	N/A	Usually 3 months	N/A
Permanent Resident	Tenure track or permanent positions	End of non-immigrant status	Lengthy process; expensive	3-5 years	Permanent	\$5,000--\$7,000