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REGARDLESS OF VISA TYPE, ALL INTERNATIONALS MUST CHECK IN WITH THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES UPON ARRIVAL TO JHMI *

VISA TYPE	SPONSOR	POSITION(S) ALLOWED AT THE JHMI	LIMITATIONS	VISA DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS	JHMI PAPERWORK NEEDED TO OBTAIN VISA AND LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE
B-1 Visitor *** Visitor for Business	Self	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observer. Research Clerk Clinical Clerk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 months time limit. (Status may be extended while inside the U.S.). Visitor cannot be paid. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of financial support; Letter of invitation from Department. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of invitation from Department recommended. Little time needed--depends of how fast letter can be issued by Department and visa issuance times overseas at U.S. consular posts. If the individual enters the U.S. on the visa waiver program, the status can not be extended.
E-3 *** Australian Nationals only Non-Immigrant Worker	JHMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee Faculty. Post Doctoral Fellows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-years maximum term for the first application; 2-years extension allowed thereafter 	A Labor Condition Application (LCA), containing attestations by JHMI related to wages and working conditions, must be filed with and approved by the Department of Labor (DOL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOM approval required. State of Maryland Dept. of Labor salary review. For a change of status within the US, additional documents are required as well as filing of form I-129 with applicable fees
VALID EAD CARD *** Employment authorization document issued by USCIS	NONE. Issued by USCIS as a benefit of several different visa statuses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO RESTRICTIONS BUT MUST BE A PAID POSITION 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validity of the EAD card. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment Authorization Document 	<i>NONE</i> (Paperwork must be completed by international applicant prior to arrival at JHMI <i>and</i> applicant must have received the Employment Authorization Document or EAD in order to begin work at JHMI.)

<p>F-1 CPT *** Student on Curricular Practical Training (CPT)</p>	<p>F-1 program sponsor: Institution that issued Student's form I-20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee ● Trainee 	<p>Depends on the specific period granted by the DSO. May be granted by DSO in increments of no more than one year</p>	<p>I-20 bearing the DSO's CPT authorization and the CPT Start Date has been reached.</p>	<p>Employment Letter (Paperwork must be completed by international applicant prior to arrival at JHMI and applicant must have received the I-20 bearing the DSO's CPT authorization in order to begin work at JHMI.)</p>
<p>F-1 OPT *** Student on Optional Practical Training (OPT) Following Degree Completion</p>	<p>Institution from which international applicant has graduated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postdoctoral Fellow. ● Non-tenure track faculty. ● Employee. ● Clinical/ Research Fellow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One year maximum time limit. ● Can be extended for an additional 17 months for STEM OPT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employment Authorization Document. (This document is issued by USCIS based on an application for OPT.) 	<p>NONE (Paperwork must be completed by international applicant at their current institution prior to arrival at JHMI and applicant must have received the Employment Authorization Document or EAD in order to begin work at JHMI.)</p>
<p>J-1 Alien Physician *** Exchange Visitor in Clinical Training</p>	<p>ECFMG Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● House staff. ● Clinical Fellow. ● Clinical & Research Fellow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-year visa, renewable for a maximum of 7 years inside the U.S. * 2-year home country residency requirement applies upon completion. This requirement is <i>extremely</i> difficult to waive). <p>NO BILLING & NO MOONLIGHTING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form DS 2019. This form is issued by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) and is required in order to obtain a J-1 visa or in order to complete a transfer from another institution to the JHMI.] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed DS 2019 request form (Request Form for Certification for Exchange Visitor Status. ● Standard ECFMG Application Form for ECFMG J-1 sponsorship. Available at www.ecfm.org. ● Letter of offer/contract on departmental letterhead signed by JHMI program director and ECFMG applicant. ● Proof of financial support and \$200 fee made payable to ECFMG. ● ECFMG certification & Ministry of Health Letter from the international applicant's country of permanent residence. ● Program must be ACGME-accredited, or documentation must indicate non-accredited program is natural outgrowth of an accredited program. If program is Clinical Fellowship, detailed description must accompany application. ● 2-4 months needed at JHMI to complete paperwork, depending on how long it takes to receive Ministry of Health letter. ECFMG takes an additional 4-6 weeks to issue a DS 2019.

<p>J-1 Student on Academic Training *** Exchange Visitor Student</p>	<p>J program sponsor: Institution that issued Student's form DS-2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postdoctoral Fellow. ● Non-tenure track faculty. ● Employee. ● House staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For undergraduate and pre-doctoral training, a student can engage in up to 18 months or the period of the full course of study, whichever is less. ● 36-month maximum for post doctoral training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form DS-2019 and Form I-94 and a letter from the RO/ARO granting academic training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employment Letter ● Recommendation letter from Student's academic advisor. <p>(Paperwork must be completed by international applicant prior to arrival at JHMI and applicant must have received the DS-2019 issued for Academic Training order to begin work at JHMI.)</p>
<p>J-1 Research Scholar *** Exchange International Applicant in Research Training</p>	<p>JHMI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postdoctoral Research Fellow. ● Research Trainee. ● Non-tenure track faculty. ● Visiting Scholar/Visiting Scientist ● Observer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Valid for a maximum of 5 years – Minimum of 3 weeks. ● 2-year home country residency requirement may apply upon completion of training (This requirement may be waived). ● 24-month bar on repeat participation referred to as the "2-year" bar on repeat participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form DS 2019. (This form is issued by the OIS [Office of International Services] and is required in order to obtain a J visa or complete a transfer from another institution to the JHMI.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed DS 2019 request (Request Form for Certification for Exchange Visitor Status). ● Proof of financial support. ● 2-3 weeks needed to complete JHMI paperwork. The Office of International Services takes 5 business days to issue and FedEx the DS 2019 overseas.
<p>J-1 Short-Term Scholar *** Exchange International Applicant in Research Training</p>	<p>JHMI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postdoctoral Research Fellow. ● Research Trainee. ● Non-tenure track faculty. ● Visiting Scholar ● Visiting Scientist ● Observer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Valid for a maximum of 6months –No Minimum ● 2-year home country residency requirement may apply upon completion of training (This requirement may be waived). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form DS 2019 issued by the OIS and is required in order to obtain a J visa or complete a transfer from another institution to JHMI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed DS 2019 request (Request Form for Certification for Exchange Visitor Status). ● Proof of financial support. ● 2-3 weeks needed to complete JHMI paperwork. The Office of International Services takes 5 business days to issue and FedEx the DS 2019 overseas.

<p>H1-B1 *** Non-Immigrant Worker</p>	<p>JHMI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employees. ● Faculty. ● Post Doctoral Fellows (once J time has expired). <p>The dean may grant exception for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● House staff. ● Clinical Fellow. ● Clinical & Research Fellow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6-year maximum time inside the U.S. <p>NO BILLING & NO MOONLIGHTING FOR INTERNATIONALS IN CLINICAL TRAINING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form I-797 Notice of Approval. (Notice received after H petition has been filed with and approved by the USCIS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SOM approval required for SOM employees. ● State of Maryland Dept. of Labor salary review. ● H1-B application packet. ● 4-6 months needed to complete H paperwork. Time can be reduced to ~ 1.5 to 2 months if \$1000 premium processing fee is paid to USCIS.
<p>O-1 *** Outstanding Researcher/Scientist</p>	<p>JHMI</p>	<p>Faculty only but the Dean may grant an exception for senior employees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3-year maximum term for the first application; ● 1-year extensions allowed thereafter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form I-797 Notice of Approval. (Notice received after O-1 petition has been filed with and approved by the USCIS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with an Office of International Services staff member to discuss application. ● SOM approval required based on written request sent to Associate Dean (Approval not available for training programs). ● Strong letter of support from preceptor with 8-10 additional letters of reference. ● Applicant provides must provide written proof of qualifications for O petition per regulation. ● 2-3 months needed to complete O petition, depending on individual case. Time can be reduced if \$1000 premium processing fee is paid to USCIS.
<p>TN *** Professional under Trade NAFTA</p>	<p>JHMI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employees. ● Faculty. ● Post Doctoral Fellows <p>Must be a Canadian or Mexican Citizen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3-years maximum term for the first application; ● 3-years extension allowed thereafter <p>NON CLINICAL ACTIVITIES ONLY EXCEPT FOR REGISTERED NURSES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form I-797 Notice of Approval. (Notice received after TN petition has been filed with and approved by the USCIS) ● TN I-94 CARD with ID proof for Canadian or Mexican Citizenship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If filed through USCIS: 3-4 months needed to complete TN petition, depending on individual case. Time can be reduced if \$1000 premium processing fee is paid to USCIS. ● If obtained through travel, [just the travel time for Canadian Citizen]. Mexican Citizen needs to apply for a TN visa. ● Employment letter should be provided in all cases.

NOTE: Once the required documentation is obtained, the time it takes for an international visitor to obtain the visa and enter the U.S. varies, depending upon the country from which the international applicant applies. European countries normally issue visa stamps in 10 business days; other countries can take up to one month.

Post-Sept.11th new security requirements have been put in place for men between the ages of 16 and 45 applying for visa stamps. There is a mandatory 20-day security check for men between the ages of 16 and 45 who are citizens of "terrorist-sponsoring" or "terrorist-related" countries (Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Pakistan, Malaysia, etc.).