

## DGSOM Visa Category and Employment Eligibility Quick Reference Guide

	F-1	J-1	H-1B	TN	E-3	O-1	Permanent Residency	B-1/B-2
<b>Visa Category</b>	F-1 Student On-Campus Employment  F-1 Student Optional Practical Training	Researcher, Professor, Short-Term Scholar, Visiting Graduate Researcher (VGR) (non-degree student)	Temporary Worker in a Specialty Occupation	Trade-NAFTA	Temporary Worker in a Specialty Occupation	Foreign National of Extraordinary Ability	Immigrant (Green Card)	Business or Tourist Visitor
<b>How this Visa is used at DGSOM</b>	For temporary employment of F-1 students during or after completion of an academic program	For short-term scholars, visiting researchers, visiting professors  For graduate student researchers	For individuals coming to be a temporary <b>full-time</b> position with a U.S. employer that requires a professional level of education and experience.	For faculty or researchers who are Canadian or Mexican citizens	For faculty or researchers who are Australian citizens	Available to faculty and those in professional research series who have demonstrated a record of national or international acclaim, a level of expertise indicating that the person has risen to the very top of the field of endeavor.	The DGSOM will support applications for permanent residence if the position is permanent, full time career, and sufficiently high level (e.g., appointments in the Professor and Professional Research series).	Intended for individuals visiting the U.S., generally restricted from working while in the U.S.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	On campus employment, directly related to the student's field of study. Must have completed 1 year of full-time study.	Letter of invitation/job offer from DGSOM department to teach or conduct research. Must show proof of adequate financial support for length of	A bachelor's degree is a minimum entry-level requirement for the job	Proof of Canadian or Mexican citizenship. Position must be on the list of qualifying occupations.	Proof of Australian citizenship. A minimum of a bachelor's degree must be required for the job.	Proof of nationally or internationally recognized scholarly achievements.	Varies based on employment category used.	Letter of invitation from DGSOM department.

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		program and intent to return to home country.						
<b>Length of Immigration Status</b>	Through duration of academic studies	Short-term scholar: up to 6 months  Professors and researchers: up to 5 years  VGR non-degree student: up to 2 years	Up to 3 years at a time (6 years maximum)	Up to 1 year	Up to 2 years	Up to 3 years	Indefinite	Up to 6 months
<b>Extensions of Immigration Status</b>	Limited to 12 months	May require the individual to return to home country for 1 year before another J-1 visa is issued or 2 years for repeat participation as professor or researcher. May require the individual to return to home country for 2 years before changing status to H1B or Permanent Residency.	Can extend past 6 years in 1-year or 3-year increments in limited circumstances	Unlimited 3 year renewals	Unlimited 2 year renewals	Unlimited 1 year renewals	Must renew green card every 10 years	6 months (visit cannot exceed 1 year)
<b>Dependents</b>	Cannot enroll in an academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.	May enroll in an academic institution. Eligible to apply for authorization to work in the	May enroll in an academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.	May enroll in an academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.	May enroll in an academic institution. Eligible to apply for authorization to work in the	May enroll in an academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.	May enroll in an academic institution. Eligible to work in the U.S. after an I-765	Family members must apply for their own B-1/B-2 visas. Cannot enroll in an

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		U.S.			U.S.		Application for Employment Authorization Document received.	academic institution. Cannot work in the U.S.
<b>USCIS and DGSOM Processing Times</b> <i>(estimated – varies throughout the year, depending on processing volume)</i>	2-4 months	2-3 weeks for Visa and Licensing office processing  *VGR (non-degree student) see website for additional information	4-5 months	Canadians are processed upon entry to the U.S. Mexicans must obtain a visa at their consulate. See U.S. Dept. of State website for processing times.	1-2 months if overseas  4-5 months if individual is in the U.S. and will not apply for the stamp abroad	3-4 months	Process is complex and lengthy. Actual visa may take years to receive.	Requires processing by U.S. embassy or consulate. Processing time varies by country. Might require an in-person interview.
<b>Consulate or Embassy Processing Times for Visa Stamp</b>	Varies from 1 to 3 months, if needed	Varies from 1 to 3 months	See U.S. Dept. of State website	Mexican citizens – refer to U.S. Dept. of State website	See U.S. Dept. of State website	See U.S. Dept. of State website	No visa is required when the employee adjusts status in the U.S.	Varies from 1 to 3 months
<b>When to Begin the Process</b>	4-5 months before beginning studies	4-5 months before the requested start date	6 months before the requested start date	3 months before the requested start date	6 months before the requested start date	6 months before the requested start date	Contact the DGSOM Visa and Licensing Office as early as possible. Processing times depend on the category and the need for a seventh year H-1B extension.	3-6 months before the requested start date
<b>Approximate Fees</b>	N/A	See DGSOM Visa and Licensing Office website	\$3,500 - \$5,000	See Dashew Center Website	\$3,000 (approximate – rates may vary)	\$4,000 (approximate – rates may vary)	\$5,000 - \$6,000 (approximate – rates may vary)	N/A
<b>For More Information</b>	<a href="#">Dashew Center</a>	<a href="#">Visa Info</a>	<a href="#">Visa Info</a>	<a href="#">Dashew Center</a>	<a href="#">Dashew Center</a>	<a href="#">Visa Info</a>	<a href="#">Visa Info</a>	<a href="#">Visa Info</a>

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