

Short-Term Visitor Non-Immigrant Visa Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Duration of Visit	9 days or less of activity (presence can be 9 days or more)	More than 9 days	Block Visitor (More than 9 days & less than 6 months)	Full year visitor (year-long visiting professors & CPCs)	Already in US
Visa Options	• B-1 (business) or • VWP (Visa Waiver Program)	• B-1 (business) or • VWP (Visa Waiver Program)	• J-1 short-term scholar (appt letter from Dean's Office)	• J-1 Professor • J-1 Specialist (appt letter from Dean's Office)	In US on non-immigrant visa already
Allowable Compensation	• Honorarium and/or • Reimbursement for expenses	Reimbursement for expenses ONLY	Payment for services, including salary and/or Reimbursement for expenses	Payment for services, including salary and/or Reimbursement for expenses	Depends on visa type
Immigration Issues & Action Required	• Dept letter of invitation and • B-1 visa or eligibility for VWP	• Dept letter of invitation and • B-1 visa or eligibility for VWP	• DS-2019 from ISSS and • Visitor must pay SEVIS fee & DS-160 visa appointment fee	• DS-2019 from ISSS and • Visitor must pay SEVIS fee & DS-160 visa appointment fee	Contact ISSS
Tax / Payment Issues	Honorarium: May be taxable. Taxes 30% unless tax treaty between US & home country. A SSN or ITIN number is required. Reimbursement: Proof of expenses. No tax liability.	Reimbursement: Use per diem rate or provide proof of expenses. No tax liability.	Salary is taxable at 30% unless tax treaty applies. A SSN or ITIN number is required.	Salary is taxable at 30% unless tax treaty applies. A SSN or ITIN number is required.	Depends on visa type
Time Frame	- Visitor should check visa wait times if applying for B-1.	Visitor should check visa wait times if applying for B-1 .	- Once ISSS receives all necessary documents, the processing time to issue the DS-2019 is 1 week. - Visitor should check visa wait times for J-1 visa. - If visitor will be working, he/she can apply for SSN upon arrival in the U.S. (takes up to 2 weeks to receive SSN card).	- Once ISSS receives all necessary documents, the processing time to issue the DS-2019 is 1 week. - Visitor should check visa wait times for J-1 visa. - If visitor will be working, he/she can apply for SSN upon arrival in the U.S. (takes up to 2 weeks to receive SSN card).	Depends on visa type

VWP – Visa Waiver Program: The VWP enables citizens of **participating countries** to travel to the U.S. for business/tourism (for 90 days or less) without obtaining a U.S. visa. Persons eligible to enter the U.S. on the visa waiver program do not require visas and do not have to visit the U.S. Consulate or Embassy. However, they do need to get pre-authorization using the [Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#) (ESTA). For more information about the ESTA program and to apply for pre-approval visit: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta>