

Nonimmigrant Status/Visa Supported by Cleveland Clinic

Graduate Medical Education (residency, fellowship)

- H-1B Temporary Worker
- J-1 Exchange Visitor in the Alien Physician category (sponsored by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates-ECFMG)
- F-1/J-1 Students: If you are graduating from a U.S. medical school or graduate program (MPH), you are eligible to use your post-graduate employment authorization (OPT for F-1, Practical Training for J-1) to start your residency program. You must contact the Designated School Official (DSO) who signed your Form I-20 or the Responsible Officer (RO) who signed your DS2019 for information and assistance.

Research Fellowships and Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships:

- H-1B Temporary Worker (if department is providing salary at the required level)
- J-1 Exchange Visitor in the Research Scholar category (sponsored by Cleveland Clinic)
- F-1/J-1 students with approved post-graduate or curricular practical training authorization

Nonimmigrant/Immigrant Status NOT Supported by Cleveland Clinic

Immigrant Visa/Permanent Resident Status

The Cleveland Clinic does not sponsor immigrant (permanent resident) petitions for research or clinical trainees (residents, clinical fellows, clinical research fellows, research fellows or post-doctoral fellows).

O-1 Temporary Worker of Extraordinary Ability

Cleveland Clinic will not prepare O-1 petitions for trainees unless the trainee has been or will be promoted to staff and O-1 is the only option.

H-1B for Persons of National/International Renown

Cleveland Clinic will not sponsor applications for trainees under this classification. If an applicant does not meet the USMLE requirements for an H-1B for clinical activity, then the J-1 visa will be used.