

Visa Categories

Non Immigrant Visa Categories Most Commonly Used at North Carolina A&T State University

Type of Visa (Immigration Status)	Eligibility Criteria	Maximum Length of Stay in United States	Supporting Documents Needed	Government Forms	Possible Income From U.S. Sources	Probable Tax Status**
B1/B2 Visitor For Business/Pleasure*	Proof of academic or business purpose for visit to U.S.	6 months-renewable to 12 months	Invitation letter with dates and purpose of visit; proof of adequate funds; evidence of return ticket	None	Honorarium and/or reimbursement for travel and subsistence, possible, but no salary	Nonresident Alien
WB (Waiver of Business)* or WT (Waiver of Tourist)*	WB: See B-1 WT: See B-2 Only applicable if from designated visa waiver country	90 days	WB: see B-1 WT: See B-2	None	Honorarium and/or reimbursement for travel and subsistence, possible, but no salary*	Nonresident Alien
F-1 Student	Admission to academic course of study; evidence of adequate financial support for length of program; indication of adequate English proficiency.	As long as academic progress continues	Proof of academic admission; evidence of financial support for length of program	I-20 AB (Certificate of Eligibility)	Employment on campus permitted: Off campus allowed only in case of unexpected need after 1 year in the U.S. with USCIS approval and issuance of Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card. 12 months practical training permitted.	Nonresident alien for five years
J-1 Exchange Visitor (Student)	Invitation to academic program with sponsorship; evidence of adequate financial support for length of program	As long as academic progress and program sponsorship continues	Proof of academic admission; DS-2019 from program sponsor with details of academic objectives and financial support	DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility)	Unlimited income for on or off campus work with sponsors approval; up to 18 months post-degree academic training permitted (Postdoctoral work may qualify for up to 36 months.)	Nonresident alien for five years
J-1 Exchange Visitor (Professor and Researcher)	Invitation to teach, lecture or conduct research; indication of adequate financial support for length of program	Up to three years	DS-2019 from program sponsor with details of academic objectives and financial support	DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility)	Unlimited income for work on campus in pursuit of academic objective; off campus work permit difficult to obtain, especially in industry	Nonresident Alien for two years

H-1B Temporary Worker	Possession of professional degree and skills; indication that position to be filled requires professional skills and is temporary	First period up to 3 years, renewable to total of 6 years***	Certified copy of highest degree; employer letter, CA and morea.	I-129	Unlimited income from North Carolina A&T; no other income without petition from new employer	Resident Alien if present in the U.S. over 183 days
O-1	Possession of professional degree and skills; demonstration of outstanding ability; indication that position to be filled is an event that is temporary in nature	First period up to 3 years, renewable annually	Letter of consultation from peer group; letter of recommendation; same degree requirements as above, and morea.	I-129	Unlimited income from North Carolina A&T; no other income without petition from new employer.	Resident Alien if present in the U.S. over 183 days
TN	Possession of qualifying professional degree or licensure; indication that position to be filled is temporary in nature	One year; renewable annually	Proof of qualifying citizenship, original degree diploma; letter of support from hiring department; other proof for Mexican TN. Available ONLY TO Canadians and Mexicans.	I-129 (Mexican TN or renewal of TN status)	Unlimited income from North Carolina A&T; no other income without approval for new employer	Resident Alien if present in the U.S. over 183 days.

* A visitor status holder is limited to 5 payments in a 6 month time period, no stay longer than 9 days at any college or university.

** May receive tax exemption through treaty

*** Extended periods possible under conditions of AC21. NAFSA: Association of International Educators initially produced this chart. It has been modified from the original.