

IMMIGRATION SERVICES

INITIAL J-1 Alien Physician Sponsorship Process

For medical residents or fellows who are new to UAMS

UAMS Immigration Services acts as the primary Training Program Liaison (TPL) between the Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) and UAMS departments to facilitate the J-1 Alien Physician Program. If you have questions about the J-1 alien physician visa sponsorship process or whether a potential candidate is eligible to apply for a J-1 visa, please email us at AskImmigration@uams.edu.

When your department matches with a medical resident or fellow who needs a J-1 visa status to participate in a graduate medical education program, follow the steps below to start the initial J-1 alien physician visa sponsorship process.

STEP
1

Complete an Intake Form

- Login to [UAMS Immigration Tracker](#)
- Click the “Add” button on the top and choose “Process”
- Choose “J-1 Alien Physician” from the Process dropdown list
- Leave the Individual selection as “New”
- Select “University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences” in Petitioner
- Click the “UAMS Intake – Add New Process/Employee” link

**If you don't have an Immigration Tracker login, please email us for login credential.*



STEP
2

Provide Required Documents

UAMS Immigration Services will email you to request:

- Contract/ Letter of Offer
- Training program description (Only for fellowship program)

**If your program is not ACGME-accredited, please email us for the documentation checklist.*

Complete an Export Control Form

Click [HERE](#)

STEP
3

Records Created in EVNet and OASIS

UAMS Immigration Services will create an appointment profile and upload the supporting documents for the physician in EVNet, the ECFMG portal. The physician will then complete his/her application in On-line Applicant Status and Information System (OASIS) and pay the ECFMG annual application fee.

No action by Program Coordinator in this step.
STEP
4

ECFMG issues Form DS-2019

ECFMG will mail the DS-2019 to UAMS Immigration Services in 4-6 weeks.

The DS-2019 contains information for the physician to make a J-1 visa interview appointment at the U.S. consulate. The physician must present the DS-2019 in original copy during the visa interview.



STEP
6

Ship Form DS-2019 to the physician

You will be contacted to pick up the DS-2019 once it arrives. You must ship the documents via courier service to the overseas physician as soon as possible.

UAMS Immigration Services will email the DS-2019 information to the overseas physician, so that he/she can start to schedule a visa interview with a U.S. consulate while waiting for the original documents to arrive.

For physician who is currently in the U.S, please arrange to mail the DS-2019 to him/her.



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