

The J-1 visa sponsorship non-standard provision developed by the U.S. Department of State (in consultation with the academic medical community) does *not* allow ECFMG to sponsor J-1 exchange visitor physicians for stand-alone research programs or years. However, ECFMG can *consider*, on a case-by-case basis, sponsorship for one additional year beyond the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited program duration for individuals enrolled/participating in accredited training programs for which an academic/research track is offered or required provided the minimum eligibility requirements below are met.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- The one-year academic/research track must be predefined as a requirement or option of the associated ACGME-accredited training program prior to the applicant's *entry* into the accredited program as evidenced in the program description submitted to ECFMG.
- The J-1 exchange visitor physician is enrolled in the ACGME-accredited training program for which the academic/research track is required or available.
- The J-1 exchange visitor physician will not function as a principal investigator (PI).
- All other application requirements for sponsorship in a non-standard program are met (more information is available at <http://www.ecfmg.org/evsp/continuation-non-standard.pdf>).

ECFMG is not authorized to sponsor J-1 exchange visitor physicians who are presently sponsored in the J-1 “alien physician” category for long-term, independent research projects or programs.

Sponsorship in academic/research tracks will be limited to one year.

Please contact ECFMG's Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program at evsp-support@ecfmg.org with any questions.