

<b>NON-IMMIGRANT TRAVEL (SOMETIMES KNOWN AS “VISA”) STATUS<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR<sup>2</sup> COMPENSATION</b>	<b>TRAVEL/EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN ADDITION TO I-94</b>
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B-1	Visitor for Business	Yes <sup>3</sup>	Yes <sup>3**</sup>	None
B-2	Visitor for Tourism	Yes <sup>3</sup>	Yes <sup>3,9</sup>	None
F-1	Student (UW)	No	Yes <sup>10</sup>	I-20
F-1	Student (Non-UW)	No	Yes <sup>10</sup>	I-20
F-1	Student in Optional Practical Training (OPT)	No <sup>7</sup>	Yes <sup>8</sup>	I-20, Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

H-1B	Temporary Worker in Specialty Occupation	No	Yes	None
J-1	Exchange Visitor (UW Student)	No	Yes	DS 2019
J-1	Exchange Visitor (Non-UW Student)	No	Yes <sup>4</sup>	DS 2019; Permission Letter <sup>7</sup>
J-1	Student in Optional Practical Training (OPT)	No <sup>7</sup>	Yes <sup>8</sup>	I-20, Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
J-1	Exchange Visitor (UW sponsored: Short-term Scholar, Professor, Researcher, or Specialist)	Yes, if noted on DS 2019	Yes	DS 2019
J-1	Exchange Visitor (Non-UW sponsored: Short-term Scholar, Professor, Researcher, or Specialist)	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Yes <sup>6</sup>	DS 2019; Permission Letter <sup>5</sup> (if not listed as source of funding on DS 2019)
L-2	Dependent of L-1 Visa Holder	No	Yes	Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
O-1	Person of Extraordinary Ability	No	No	None
TN	Trade NAFTA for citizens of Canada and Mexico	No	Yes	None
VWB	Visa Waiver for Business (WB)	Yes <sup>3</sup>	Yes <sup>3</sup>	None
VWT	Visa Waiver for Tourism (WT)	Yes <sup>3</sup>	Yes <sup>9</sup>	None

<sup>1</sup> This list includes the most common visa types for visitors to the UW; for classifications other than those shown above, send inquiries by e-mail to: [nratax@u.washington.edu](mailto:nratax@u.washington.edu).

<sup>2</sup> An independent contractor is an individual who performs personal services for the University, where the University has the right to specify the result to be accomplished but not the means and methods by which the result is to be accomplished. Refer to the Tax Office Webpage at: [www.washington.edu/admin/sp/office/forms.htm](http://www.washington.edu/admin/sp/office/forms.htm) for further information regarding Independent Contractor vs. Employee.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to the following restrictions: The visitor is performing services for academic activities (short-term instruction, including: guest lecturers, seminars, presentations, workshops, laboratory demonstrations, and special programs; research consultations and collaborations; participation in consortium activities or advisory committees) associated with the university of Washington AND the activity being compensated for is any portion of nine days or less at the University of Washington, AND the visitor has not been paid or reimbursed by more than five U.S. Institutions or organizations during the past six months including the University of Washington. (Payment is made for services conducted for the benefit of the UW. Participation as a trainee does not qualify under this travel status.)

<sup>4</sup> May be paid with written permission of the DSO or RSO from the sponsoring institution listed on Immigration Form DS 2019 except Fulbright Scholars.

<sup>5</sup> Sample letter requesting a permission letter from the DSO or RSO of the sponsoring institution may be found at: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/payables/tax/suggested.html>.

<sup>6</sup> A permission letter is required unless the UW is listed as a funding source on the DS 2019.

<sup>7</sup> May be paid through Payroll as an employee if within the OPT dates.

<sup>8</sup> If within the OPT dates and on UW Payroll.

<sup>9</sup> Limited to nine days.

<sup>10</sup> Payment is made for the direct benefit of the UW.

\*\* All applies with the exception of the 9 day limitation.

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