



Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program

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J-1 Sponsorship Statistics

ECFMG J-1 Visa Sponsorship by Application Types

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Initial	1703	1395	1606	1532	1551	1730	1776
Continuation	6486	5921	5043	4618	4442	4376	4479
TOTAL	8189	7316	6649	6150	5993	6106	6255

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Top States for J-1 Physicians in GME

2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
New York	New York	New York
Ohio	Michigan	Michigan
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
Texas	Ohio	Ohio
Illinois	Texas	Texas
Michigan	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
Massachusetts	Illinois	Illinois
Minnesota	Minnesota	Connecticut
Connecticut	Connecticut	New Jersey
New Jersey	New Jersey	Minnesota

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Top Countries of Origin (Country of LPR)

2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
India (968)	India (1080)	India (1204)
Canada (607)	Canada (616)	Canada (635)
Pakistan (601)	Pakistan (559)	Pakistan (547)
Lebanon (409)	Lebanon (386)	Philippines (381)
Philippines (348)	Philippines (372))	Lebanon (376)
Syria (248)	Syria (244)	Jordan (214)
Jordan (174)	Jordan (201)	Syria (214)
Germany (171)	Peru (142)	Peru (155)
Peru (143)	Mexico (131)	Thailand (142)
Japan (126)	Germany (130)	Mexico (128)

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Top Ten Specialties* for J-1 Physicians

2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008
Internal Medicine (2725)	Internal Medicine (2803)	Internal Medicine (2900)
Pediatrics (681)	Pediatrics (672)	Pediatrics (692)
General Surgery (472)	Family Practice (496)	Family Practice (488)
Family Practice (406)	General Surgery (488)	General Surgery (486)
Psychiatry (365)	Psychiatry (334)	Psychiatry (370)
Neurology (231)	Neurology (228)	Neurology (240)
Pathology (224)	Pathology (188)	OB/GYN (178)
OB/GYN (169)	OB/GYN (170)	Pathology (158)
Anesthesiology (106)	Diagnostic Radiology (95)	Orthopedic Surgery (93)
Diagnostic Radiology (103)	Orthopedic Surgery (91)	Anesthesiology (83)

Numbers include participants in both specialty and related subspecialty training.

ECFMG: Visa Sponsor for all J-1 Physicians in Clinical Training

- ECFMG is named in Federal Regulation 22CFR§62.27(b)
- J-1 is a temporary, non-immigrant visa INA §214(b)
- Full-time **educational training**; not employment
- “Statement of Need” from Ministry of Health
- Two-year home residency requirement, INA §212(e)
- Seven-years maximum ~ progressive training
- SEVIS tracking

J-1 Sponsorship Application Process

- Requires direct coordination between:
 - ✓ ECFMG Regional Advisor
 - ✓ J-1 physician applicant physician
 - ✓ Teaching hospital ~ **Training Program Liaison (TPL)**
 - ✓ 4-6 weeks for application review
- If approved, ECFMG creates electronic record in the **Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)** and issues **Form DS-2019**
- ECFMG must confirm physician's arrival to program
- J-1 Sponsorship renewal is required with each new contract

General Resources

- EVSP Homepage @ <http://www.ecfmg.org/evsp/index.html>
 - EVSP *Reference Guide*
 - EVSP *Fact Sheet*
 - Application Materials
 - Updates and Memoranda
- U.S. Department of State Exchange Visitor Program @ <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/jexchanges>
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services @ www.uscis.gov
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security @ www.dhs.gov/dhspublic

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