

Visa Type	Processing Time	Possible Income from US Sources	Eligibility Criteria	Maximum Length of Stay in the US	Advantages	Disadvantages	Required Supporting Documentation
B-1 Visitor for Business	1-4 Weeks	Paid employment not permitted. However, honoraria and associated incidental expenses to B-1 or B-2 visitors for "usual academic activity" lasting not longer than 9 days at a single academic institution, if offered by an institution of higher education or affiliated nonprofit entity or a nonprofit or governmental research organization are permitted. Honoraria cannot be accepted from more than 5 institutions or organizations within a six-month period.	Proof of academic or business purpose of U.S. visit	Up to 6 months at entry; renewable in 6-month increments	Quick and relatively easy to obtain	Strict limitations on payments from U.S. sources	Invitation letter with dates and purpose of visit; proof of adequate funds for U.S. visit
B-2 Visitor for Pleasure	1-4 Weeks		Evidence of financial support and TOURIST plans	Up to 6 months at entry; renewable in 6-month increments	Quick and relatively easy to obtain	Same as above	Proof of adequate funds for visit
WB (Business) see below*	N/A: No Visa Issued		Evidence of financial support, return ticket, and business plans	90 days! <u>No extensions or change of status possible</u>	No need to visit U.S. Consulate	No flexibility once in the U.S., i.e., cannot extend or change status	Same as B-1
WT (Tourist) see below*	N/A: No Visa Issued		Evidence of financial support, return ticket, and tourist plans	90 days! <u>No extensions or change of status possible</u>	No need to visit U.S. Consulate	No flexibility once in the U.S., i.e., cannot extend or change status	Same as B-2

***NOTE:** These classifications fall under the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. An alien classifiable as a B-1 or B-2 visitor can be admitted without a visa, as long as certain criteria are met, under the terms of the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. Among the criteria are that the alien be classifiable as a B visitor, have a valid passport issued by a designated country, intend to visit the United States for a period not exceeding 90 days, and be in possession of a round-trip transportation ticket that is nonrefundable except in the country of issuance.