

## LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

### J-1 VISA INFORMATION FOR RESIDENT PHYSICIANS (GY1-GY7) WHO HAVE AN M.D. OR D.O. DEGREE (OR EQUIVALENT) IN A USC/LAC+USC MC SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAM

When accepted to a USC/LAC+USC MC sponsored training program, the facility will sponsor resident physicians who are on the J-1 Visa—either for the initial application or continuing application for promotions. All J-1 visas for resident physicians, whether paid by the County of Los Angeles or paid through Keck/USC will be processed by the LAC+USC MC TPL, Yolie Morgan, in the GME Office.

It is the resident's responsibility to have a valid visa and work authorization upon inception of training and to continue training. Detailed information can be reviewed on the ECFMG's Website [www.ecfm.org](http://www.ecfm.org).

Visa holders must pay their own ECFMG/OASIS fees. Submission of documents for the J-1 visa must be submitted with coordination of the TPL (Yolie Morgan, GME Office) for processing through ECFMG no later than 6 to 8 weeks prior to the beginning of training. Processing can be started as early as January and should be completed no later than mid-April in order to have a valid visa a week before Registration with our Human Resources Office.

A valid J-1 visa and work authorization is required before any resident will be allowed to start training or to be promoted at this Medical Center. Failure to have a valid visa will result in suspension of employment without pay (which extends training) and/or termination from the residency program per ECFMG guidelines.

**RESIDENTS PERFORMING REQUIRED RESEARCH:** Resident physicians who are in a core training program that requires you to perform research as part of the program that needs a J-1 visa extension must process documents through Yolie Morgan, GME Office. Failure to do so, appropriately, may cause a delay in the approval process causing denial of the visa extension and the resident to return to their home country.

**PHYSICIANS PRESENTLY ON J-1 RESEARCH PROGRAM VISA:** Those performing research on a J-1 Research Visa or who are between training programs who are on a J-1 Research Program Visa, prior to entering a training program at this facility, must transfer from a J-1 Research Visa to a J-1 Clinical Visa. As the TPL, I will help you process your documents with ECFMG when you are accepted here.

- Questions regarding J-1 visa processing can be e-mailed to, Yolanda Morgan (aka Yolie) at: [ymorgan@usc.edu](mailto:ymorgan@usc.edu) or telephone: 323.409.6931 (I am only in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays; otherwise available by email.)

#### INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER VISAS:

- **H-1B VISAS:** Under no circumstance will the LAC+USC Medical Center sponsor an H-1B Visas.
- **O-1 VISAS:** Postgraduate training physicians are not eligible to be placed on an O-1 Visa.
- **TN VISAS:** Are not acceptable, as the resident physician cannot have any clinical duty.
- **OTHER VISAS (such as the F-1):** The F-1 (OPT) "Employment Authorization Card" is an acceptable work authorization document under the employment eligibility guidelines for acceptance to a postgraduate position at the LAC+USC Medical Center. However, to continue employment with the County of Los Angeles, you must have employment eligibility status at all times. Therefore, on or before expiration of your current employment authorization, you must present renewed employment authorization documentation to the Office of Human Resources in order to continue employment. Normally, physicians transfer to the J-1 within their first year of training.

- Questions regarding the F-1 (not answered above) or any other type of visa or work authorization should be referred to:

Anabel Rojas, Human Resources Phone number: 323.914.5108 E-mail: [anabelrojas@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:anabelrojas@dhs.lacounty.gov)

#### KECK/USC VISA POLICY FOR PHYSICIANS WITH MD OR DO DEGREES (OR EQUIVALENT):

- **J-1 VISAS for non-standard ACGME fellows** must be processed through the TPL at the Keck School of Medicine who is: Mr. Brett Wobbe, telephone number: (213) 740-5248.
- **H-1B VISAS:** Under no circumstance will Keck/USC sponsor an H-1B visa.
- **O-VISAS:** Postgraduate training physicians are **not** eligible to be placed on an O-1 Visa.
- **TN VISAS:** Are **not** acceptable, as the physician cannot have any clinical duty.

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