



CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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Visa Type	Visa Definition	Related Authorization Documents	Independent Personal Services Yes/No	Honorarium Yes/No	Employment Yes/No	Expense Reimbursement Yes/No	Per Diem Yes/No	Royalty Yes/No	Prize/Award Yes/No
Visitors									
B-1, B-2 for activity no longer than 9 days and no more than 5 payments within 6 months	Temporary visitor for business	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
B-1 for activity longer than 9 days	Temporary visitor for business	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
B-2 for activity longer than 9 days	Temporary visitor for pleasure	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Academic Students									
F-1 with Caltech's sponsorship	Academic Student	Passport, Visa, I-94 and Form 1-20 A/B EAD required for USCIS-authorized off-campus work and for OPT Notation of Form I-20 required for CPT	Yes	Yes, but not during the academic year	Employment authorized for 20 hrs of work on campus per week, full time when school is not in session. *Off-campus employment authorized by USCIS in limited, special circumstances. *Curricular Practical Training (CPT) may be authorized as integral part of curriculum (students who have had one year of CPT are ineligible for post-completion and practical training). *Post-completion and Optical Practical Training (OPT) may be authorized during school vacations for 20 hrs/week during school or post-completion of studies, not to exceed 12 months.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
F-1 not with Caltech's sponsorship	Academic Student	Passport, Visa, I-94 and Form 1-20 A/B EAD required for USCIS-authorized off-campus work and for OPT Notation of Form I-20 required for CPT	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No



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F-1 not with Caltech, but with work authorization	Academic Student	Passport, Visa, I-94 and Form 1-20 A/B EAD required for USCIS-authorized off-campus work and for OPT Notation of Form I-20 required for CPT	Yes	Yes, but not during the academic year	Employment authorized for 20 hrs of work on campus per week, full time when school is not in session. *Off-campus employment authorized by USCIS in limited, special circumstances. *Curricular Practical Training (CPT) may be authorized as integral part of curriculum (students who have had one year of CPT are ineligible for post-completion and practical training). *Post-completion and Optical Practical Training (OPT) may be authorized during school vacations for 20 hrs/week during school or post-completion of studies, not to exceed 12 months.	Yes	Yes, but not during the academic year	Yes	Yes
F-2	Spouse or child of F-1	Passport, Visa, and I-94	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	<i>For Foreign Medical Graduates (see individual categories H-1B, J-1, O-1, TN, E-2)</i>								
	Temporary Workers								
H-1B, Caltech is petitioner	Specialty Occupations, DOD workers, fashion models	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice (carries new I-94 if extension or change of status)	Yes	No	Yes. Employment authorized only by sponsoring employer.	Yes	No	No	No
H-1B, Caltech is not petitioner	Specialty Occupations, DOD workers, fashion models	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice (carries new I-94 if extension or change of status)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1, H-2, H-3	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Exchange Visitors								



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J-1, Student category on Caltech's sponsorship	Visas for exchange visitors (Students, Short-term Scholars, Professors/Researchers, Specialists, Teachers, Alien Physicians, Trainees, Camp Counselors, Au Pairs, Summer Work Abroad)	Passport, Visa, I-94, and IAP-66	Yes	Yes	J-1 students may work 20 hrs per week on campus or off campus in limited circumstances; eligible for 18 months of academic training. *Other J-1 exchange visitors may work only for the designated program sponsor, or through a program designated by the sponsor. *J-1 professors and researchers may give occasional talks at institutions other than the program sponsor and for those talks, receive honoraria.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J-1, Student category not on Caltech's sponsorship	Visas for exchange visitors (Students, Short-term Scholars, Professors/Researchers, Specialists, Teachers, Alien Physicians, Trainees, Camp Counselors, Au Pairs, Summer Work Abroad)	Passport, Visa, I-94, and IAP-66	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
J-2 (only with Employment Authorization)	Spouse or child of J-1	Passport, Visa, I-94, and EAD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Vocational and Language Students								
M-1	Vocational student or other nonacademic student	Passport, Visa, I-94, and Form I-20 MN EAD	Yes	No	May receive up to 6 months of OPT	No	No		
M-2	Spouse or child of M-1	Passport, Visa, and I-94	No	No	No employment authorization	No	No		
N-8	Parent of alien classified SK-3 "Special Immigrant"		No	No	No	No	No		
N-9	Child of N-8, SK-1, SK-2, or SK-4 "Special Immigrant"		No	No	No	No	No		
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (see TN, below)		No						
	Workers with Extraordinary Abilities								
O-1, Caltech is petitioner	Extraordinary ability in Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	Yes. Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	Yes	No	No	No
O-1, Caltech is not petitioner	Extraordinary ability in Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No



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O-2, Caltech is petitioner	Alien's (support) accompanying O-1	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	Yes. Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	Yes	No	No	No
O-2, Caltech is not petitioner	Alien's (support) accompanying O-1	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
O-3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2	Passport, Visa, and I-94	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Athletes and Entertainers									
P-1, Caltech is petitioner	Individual or team athletes	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	Yes	Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P-1, Caltech is not the petitioner	Entertainment groups	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
P-2, Caltech is petitioner	Artists and entertainers in reciprocal Exchange programs	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	Yes	Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P-2, Caltech is not petitioner	Artists and entertainers in reciprocal Exchange programs	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
P-3, Caltech is petitioner	Artists and entertainers in culturally unique programs	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	Yes	Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
P-3, Caltech is not petitioner	Artists and entertainers in culturally unique programs	Passport, Visa, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
P-4	Spouse or child of P-1, 2, or 3	Passport, Visa, and I-94	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
International Cultural Exchange Visitors									
Q-1	International cultural exchange visitors	Passport, Visa, I-94, and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	No	No		
Q-2	Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program (Walsh Visas)	Passport, Visa, I-94, and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes		Employment authorized only with sponsoring employer or through sponsoring agency.	No	No		
Q-3	Spouse or child of Q-2	Passport, Visa, and I-94	No		No	No	No		
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)									
TN, Caltech is sponsor	Trade visas for Canadians and Mexicans	Canadian-Passport or Identity document and I-94. Mexican-Passport, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No



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TN, Caltech is not sponsor	Trade visas for Canadians and Mexicans	Canadian-Passport or Identity document and I-94. Mexican-Passport, I-94 and I-797 Approval Notice	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
TD	Spouse or child accompanying TN-	Passport or identity document and I-94	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Visa Waiver								
Waivers for Business or Tourism for activity no longer than 9 days and no more than 5 payments within 6 months	Visa Waiver for Business	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WB - for activity longer than 9 days	Visa Waiver for Business	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
WT - for activity longer than 9 days	Visa Waiver for Tourism	Passport, Visa, and I-94	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No