



AMO CAN HELP YOU SECURE A B-1 VISA

Upon acceptance into one of our programs, we will provide placement and visa invitation letters to eligible applicants. This letter, addressed to the Consul General, outlines the basic premise of your clinical experience and may be used to start the visa process at the United States Consulate in your home country.

When it is time for your interview, you will bring the B-1 visa invitation letter and supporting documents with you for review.

To be eligible for a B-1 invitation letter through AMO opportunities you must have the following:



Dean's Letter or Diploma



Passport



Receipt of Your \$699 Reservation Deposit



Scheduled *Visa Interview

*Visa interviews are sometimes difficult to schedule. People plan for their travels in advance so appointments may be limited. Without this interview, you cannot obtain a visa. Without a visa you will not be permitted entrance into the U.S.

APPLYING FOR A U.S. VISA

For entrance into the United States, visitors will need to secure a U.S. visa. AMO opportunities can assist with this by providing a B-1 visa invitation letter for their clinical rotation, provided the visitor is eligible.

Through AMO opportunities, medical students are eligible for their elective rotations with school authorization. While medical students can participate in hands-on rotations and observerships, medical graduates are only eligible for observerships except for those graduates who have passed the USMLE Step 1. This group is also eligible for hands-on rotations.

What to Know About the B-1 Visa

A B-1 visa is given to individuals for business, professional, scientific, and educational experiences. This visa type generally allows visitors to stay in the U.S. for up to six months but varies based on home country. If you will be completing a rotation or multiple rotations that will extend beyond the time your visa is valid, you may need to return to your home country prior to its expiration and obtain a second, valid visa.

To apply for a B-1 visa you must:

- Complete form DS-160 online
- Pay the \$160 visa application fee
- Schedule a visa interview

Note: The above information is meant only to serve as a general guide. We recommend contacting your consulate for more detailed information on the process of obtaining a visa.

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AMO: PREPARING FOR A VISA INTERVIEW

Items to bring to your interview

In addition to completing your online application, which may include uploading documents, you will need to bring physical copies or proof of the following to your interview:

- ✓ B-1 invitation letter from AMO
- ✓ Proof of intent to leave the U.S. after the rotation
- ✓ Proof of necessary funds for the rotation
- ✓ Proof of ties to home country
- ✓ Official transcripts/degree (if a graduate)
- ✓ Letter from dean authorizing rotation (if a current student)
- ✓ Receipt of application fee payment
- ✓ DS-160 form confirmation page
- ✓ Photo for visa (properly formatted)
- ✓ Resume/CV
- ✓ Any additional requirements from your consulate

PREPARING FOR A VISA INTERVIEW

For entrance into the United States, visitors will need to secure a U.S. visa by applying and scheduling a visa interview. This should be scheduled well in advance of the rotation start date as they may be difficult to secure. Visa denial and reapplication are possibilities. To increase your chances of obtaining a visa it is important that you are well-prepared. This means providing appropriate documentation and presenting yourself in both a respectful and professional manner.

Tips on Behavior and Professionalism

On the day of your interview you should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time of your interview. Arriving late may result in cancellation of the interview. You should be dressed in business casual attire that is clean and pressed, similar to the dress code requirement of your rotation. Good personal hygiene should also be practiced.

Visa Denial

Visa acceptance is not guaranteed, even with a B-1 invitation letter from AMO. Visas are denied for several reasons, including an incomplete visa application, incomplete documentation, insufficient funds to cover trip, prior convictions, and evidence of accidental or purposeful fraud to obtain a visa. Denial for incomplete documentation can be fixed by submitting missing and/or additional documents.

AMOpportunities recommends contacting an immigration attorney with any specific visa questions prior to applying if you are concerned about the possibility of being denied a visa.

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