Short-Term Visitor Non-Immigrant Visa Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Duration of Visit	**9 days or less of activity** (presence can be 9 days or more)	**More than 9 days**	**Block Visitor** (More than 9 days & less than 6 months)	**Full year visitor** (including CPCs)	**Already in US**
Visa Options	• B1 (business), • B2 (tourist) or • **VWP** (visa waiver program)	• B1 (business), • B2 (tourist) or • **VWP** (visa waiver program)	• J-1 short-term scholar (contract letter from Dean's Office)	• J-1 Professor • J-1 Specialist (contract letter from Dean's Office)	In US on non-immigrant visa already
Allowable Compensation	• Honorarium and/or • Reimbursement for expenses	Reimbursement for expenses ONLY	Payment for services, including salary and/or Reimbursement for expenses	Payment for services, including salary and/or Reimbursement for expenses	Depends on visa type
Immigration Issues & Action Required	• **Dept letter of invitation** and • B-1/B-2 visa or eligibility for **VWP**	• **Dept letter of invitation** and • B-1/B-2 visa or eligibility for **VWP**	• **DS-2019 from ISSS** and • Visitor must pay SEVIS fee & Visa fee	• **DS-2019 from ISSS** and • Visitor must pay SEVIS fee & Visa fee	Contact ISSS
Tax / Payment Issues	Honorarium: May be taxable. Taxes 30% unless tax treaty between US & home country. A SSN or ITIN number is required. Reimbursement: Proof of expenses. No tax liability.	Reimbursement: Use per diem rate or provide proof of expenses. No tax liability.	Salary is taxable at 30% unless **tax treaty** applies. A SSN or ITIN number is required.	Salary is taxable at 30% unless **tax treaty** applies. A SSN or ITIN number is required.	Depends on visa type
Time Frame	- Visitor should check **visa wait times** if applying for B-1/B-2. - If visitor needs to apply for ITIN, it can take 2 to 5 months to receive (this process should be started well in advance of visitor's arrival in the U.S.).	Visitor should check **visa wait times** if applying for B-1/B-2.	- Once ISSS receives all necessary documents, the processing time to issue the DS-2019 is 1 week. - Visitor should check **visa wait times** for J-1 visa. - If visitor will be working, he/she can apply for SSN upon arrival in the U.S. (takes up to 2 weeks to receive SSN card). - If visitor needs to apply for ITIN, it can take 2 to 5 months to receive (this process should be started well in advance of visitor's arrival in the U.S.).	- Once ISSS receives all necessary documents, the processing time to issue the DS-2019 is 1 week. - Visitor should check **visa wait times** for J-1 visa. - If visitor will be working, he/she can apply for SSN upon arrival in the U.S. (takes up to 2 weeks to receive SSN card). - If visitor needs to apply for ITIN, it can take 2 to 5 months to receive (this process should be started well in advance of visitor's arrival in the U.S.).	Depends on visa type

VWP – Visa Waiver Program: The VWP enables citizens of **participating countries** to travel to the U.S. for business/tourism (for 90 days or less) without obtaining a U.S. visa. Persons eligible to enter the U.S. on the visa waiver program do not require visas and do not have to visit the U.S. Consulate or Embassy. However, they do need to get pre-authorization using the **Electronic System for Travel Authorization** (ESTA). For more information about the ESTA program and to apply for pre-approval visit: **http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/business_pleasure/vwp/**.

VWP PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Kingdom