

J-1 Sponsorship Process

ECFMG facilitates (assists) J-1 visa sponsorship through the coordinated efforts of training institutions and foreign national physician applicants. ECFMG verifies that the foreign national physician meets J-1 eligibility requirements. The host institution is responsible for providing the J-1 physician with the approved clinical training. Each host institution designates a Training Program Liaison (TPL) who serves as the official representative to communicate with ECFMG. This communication ensures regulatory compliance and provides the required administrative oversight for J-1 physicians. Communication regarding all aspects of J-1 sponsorship must be conducted through the TPL. Immediately after obtaining a training contract, the foreign national physician should initiate the sponsorship process by contacting the TPL at the host institution. (This means that the host institution is responsible for the J-1 visa, not the ECFMG.)