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University of Tennessee Graduate Medical Education Policies Visa Status for Non U.S. Citizens

U.S. citizens who are graduates of international medical schools are eligible for consideration for residency positions, given they meet other criteria for all applicants in the specific program to which they are applying.

Visa status for non-U.S. citizens must fall within the following categories, per ACGME guidelines:

- Eligible for and willing to seek a J-1 Visitor Visa through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
- Permanent Resident or "Alien" status (i.e., with a Green Card to work in the U.S.)

The University of Tennessee does not sponsor residents for visas not designed for graduate medical training (e.g., the H1-B visa). University policy does not allow exceptions except under extraordinary circumstances. Decisions regarding exceptions would need to be requested by the specific department and, if approved, will be processed by the Department and the Office of Graduate Medical Education, assisted by the Office of International Affairs for the UT Health Science Center.