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EB-1B Visa — Outstanding Professors and Researchers

U.S. Green Card for outstanding professors and internationally recognized researchers.

JOB OFFER

Required

FAMILY

Spouse, children up to age 21

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At a glance

COUNTRY **United States**	ROUTE **Skilled Migration - Employment Based**
TIMELINE **India EB-1 queue: about 3 yr 8 mo (October 2026 Visa Bulletin)**	FAMILY MEMBERS **Spouse, children up to age 21**
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Overview

The **EB-1B (Outstanding Professors and Researchers)** visa offers a direct path to a **U.S. Green Card** for internationally recognized academics and researchers with proven excellence in their field and a **permanent job offer** from a U.S. institution.

Eligibility Overview

Applicants must have **at least three years of teaching or research experience** and show **international recognition** by meeting **two of six USCIS criteria** for outstanding achievement.

Why EB-1B

- Fast-track **U.S. Green Card** for professors and researchers
- **No labor certification (PERM)** requirement
- Priority processing under the **first-preference employment category**

Professional Assistance

Xiphias Immigration provides end-to-end EB-1B visa support — from eligibility assessment to preparing employer petitions and compiling strong evidence for **USCIS approval**.

Where India actually stands, October 2026

A petition approval is not a green card. After approval you wait for your priority date, and for India that wait is the whole story. From the October 2026 Visa Bulletin:

Category	India final action date	Roughly how far behind	Worldwide
EB-1	01 Feb 2023	3 years 8 months	Current
EB-2	01 Nov 2013	**12 years 11 months**	01 Jan 2025
EB-3	01 Jan 2014	**12 years 9 months**	15 May 2024
EB-5 unreserved	01 Dec 2023	2 years 10 months	Current
EB-5 rural, high-unemployment, infrastructure	**Current**	**No wait**	Current

The Visa Bulletin also warns that some worldwide categories have **retrogressed** to hold issuance within FY2027 limits. Dates move backwards as well as forwards.

We publish this table because you deserve to see it before you commit money, not after.

USCIS filing fees

Item	Fee
Form I-140 immigrant petition	USD 715
Asylum Program Fee, paid with the I-140	USD 600 (USD 300 small employer, nil nonprofit)
Form I-485 adjustment of status, applicants aged 14 and over	USD 1,440
Premium processing on the I-140 (optional)	USD 2,965, response within 15 business days

Fees follow the USCIS fee schedule at 8 CFR 106.2; the premium processing fee took effect on 1 March 2026. Applicants who complete the process at a US consulate pay the State Department's immigrant visa fees at that stage instead of the Form I-485 fee.

Key benefits

- Direct path to U.S. Green Card
- No labor certification required
- Faster processing under EB-1 category
- Eligible dependents can apply for Green Cards

When this route may not fit

- Insufficient experience or recognition
- Unqualified employer or non-permanent job offer

Skills, language and points

Job offer: Requires a permanent job offer from a U.S. university, research institution, or qualifying private employer.

Eligible positions

- University or college professors with proven international recognition
- Researchers employed by accredited U.S. universities or institutions
- Private-sector researchers with notable scientific achievements

How the process works

1. **Eligibility Check**
   Verify academic achievements and research credentials.
2. **Gather Documents**
   Prepare evidence of recognition, publications, and employer support.
3. **Employer Petition**
   U.S. employer files Form I-140 with USCIS.
4. **Green Card Process**
   File I-485 or DS-260 for status adjustment or consular processing.
5. **Approval**
   Receive your U.S. Green Card after USCIS approval.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Valid passport
- Birth certificate

Professional Evidence

- Letters confirming at least three years of research or teaching experience
- Employer’s permanent job offer letter
- Employment verification from prior institutions

Evidence of Outstanding Achievement

- Awards or prizes for academic excellence
- Membership in professional associations requiring outstanding achievements
- Published material about the applicant’s research work
- Evidence of judging the work of others in the field
- Original scientific or scholarly contributions of major significance
- Authorship of scholarly books or research articles in international journals

Supporting & Miscellaneous

- Recommendation letters from independent experts
- Curriculum vitae and publication list
- Institutional credentials of current or future U.S. employer

Questions clients ask

What is the EB-1B visa?

A U.S. Green Card route for professors and researchers recognized internationally for outstanding work.

Do I need an employer?

Yes. A job offer from a qualified U.S. university or research organization is required.

What is the processing time?

With premium processing (USD 2,965), USCIS responds to the I-140 within 15 business days. The green card then depends on the Visa Bulletin: India's EB-1 final action date is 1 February 2023 in the October 2026 bulletin, roughly 3 years 8 months behind, while worldwide EB-1 is Current.

Can my family apply?

Yes. Spouses and unmarried children under 21 are eligible for derivative Green Cards.

Important notes

- India’s EB-1 final action date in the October 2026 Visa Bulletin is 1 February 2023 — roughly 3 years and 8 months behind. India is the worst-placed EB-1 country: worldwide is Current and China sits at 1 July 2023.
- Even so, EB-1 is now the fastest employment-based green card available to Indian nationals by a wide margin — 3 years 8 months against nearly 13 years for EB-2 and EB-3.
- The evidentiary bar is genuinely high. XIPHIAS assesses your record candidly against it before you commit to a petition.

Compliance

- Under 8 CFR 204.5(i) you must be internationally recognised as outstanding in your academic field, meet at least two of six regulatory criteria, and have at least three years of experience in teaching or research.
- A qualifying offer is required: a tenured or tenure-track teaching post, a comparable permanent research position at a university or institution of higher education, or a research department of a private employer that employs at least three full-time researchers and has documented accomplishments.
- No labour certification is required.
- Filing fees: Form I-140 USD 715 plus the Asylum Program Fee of USD 600 (USD 300 small employer, nil nonprofit). Form I-485 is USD 1,440 for applicants aged 14 and over.
- Premium processing costs USD 2,965 (fee effective 1 March 2026).
- Premium processing for EB-1B carries a 15 business day response window.

Official sources: US Department of State — Visa Bulletin for October 2026; Electronic Code of Federal Regulations — 8 CFR 204.5; Electronic Code of Federal Regulations — 8 CFR 106.2 (USCIS fee schedule); Federal Register — Adjustment to Premium Processing Fees (effective 1 March 2026).



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Plan your United States application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **EB-1B Visa — Outstanding Professors and Researchers** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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