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IMMIGRATION BASICS
- Should be valid for 6+ months
- Name = MRZ
- Renew with your embassy
- **Valid for** **ENTRY** into the U.S.
- **NOT a permit to:**
  - Stay in the U.S.
  - Work in the U.S.
- **Does not need to be valid during stay**
FORM I-94

- Generated upon entry to U.S.
- Download at: https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home
- D/S = Duration of Status (F & J)
- Needed for: I-9, SSA, DMV
VISA VERSUS STATUS

**VISA**
- ENTRY document only
- Applications made **outside** the U.S.
- Does not need to be valid while **in** the U.S.

**STATUS**
- Granted upon ENTRY
- Must be valid at all times while **in** the U.S.
- Legal status indicated on document (I-797, DS-2019, I-20, EAD, entry stamp)
J-1/J-2 – DS-2019
H-1B – I-797
F-1 – I-20
F-1 OPT – 1-20 & EAD
TN – Entry stamp in passport
E-3 – I-797 or Entry stamp in passport
J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

Keyword = EXCHANGE
Key word is ‘EXCHANGE’
Status tracked in SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System)
Caltech/JPL J categories:
- Short-term scholar category = maximum stay six months
- Research scholar category = maximum stay five years
Timely extensions require timely appointment renewals
Grace period = 30 days after program ends
J-2 Dependents can apply for work authorization
Medical insurance – read page 2 DS-2019
J-1/J-2 DOCUMENT
FORM DS-2019
J-1/J-2 DOCUMENT
FORM DS-2019

DON’T FORGET YOUR TRAVEL SIGNATURE!
Am I subject?

- Government Funding
- Skills List
- Medical Trainee

Visa

“Bearer is subject to 212(e).”

DS-2019
212(E) IMPACT, IF SUBJECT

- J-1 must return to country of last legal residence for 2 years.
  - Does not have to be fulfilled immediately and may be in increments.

- Precludes: H-1B (specialty worker) or Permanent Residence (Green Card) until fulfilled/waived

- May return to the U.S. in another category: J, O, F, B, WB, etc.

- Extensions and transfers are fine.

- Waiver of 212(e)
  - No Objection Statement: Most common and routinely approved
  - Don’t apply too early! Timing is important.

- Advisory Opinion
MEDICAL INSURANCE

Insurance is mandatory for period of stay
See specific requirements on page 2 of DS-2019

- Caltech HMO plans meet requirements
- Medical evacuation & repatriation coverage is free
- Non-Caltech insurance possible
All J-1 Research Scholars and Professors are barred from repeat participation.

May return to the U.S. in other J categories (i.e. Short-Term Scholar) or in any other visa category such as H-1B*; O, F, B, WB, etc.

*If not subject to 212(e)

Transfers OK while program is active
J-2 DEPENDENTS

- Employment possible
  - Form I-765 to USCIS
  - Fee
  - 3 months for EAD
  - After EAD may apply for SSN

- Eligible to be a student
Mailing Address:
U.S. Department of State
Office of Designation
Academic and Government Programs Division
ECA/EC/D/AG – SA-4E, Room E-B001
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Street Address (couriers):
U.S. Department of State
Office of Private Sector Exchange Designation - Academic and Government Programs Division
ECA/EC/D/AG – SA-4E, Room E-B001
2430 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Email: jvisas@state.gov
Phone: 1-866-283-9090
FAX number: (202) 632-2701
Website: Exchange Visitor Program contacts
Exchange Visitor Welcome Brochure
Wilberforce Act Guidance
H-1B DOCUMENT
FORM I-797

Receipt# WAC1712345678
I-94# 123456789 12
NAME SKYWALKER, LUKE
CLASS H1B
VALID FROM 08/09/2017 UNTIL 07/31/2020

PETITIONER
CA INST OF TECH JET PROPULSION LAB,
4800 OAK GROVE DRIVE
PASADENA CA 91109

169121197 40
Receipt Number WAC1712345678
US Citizenship and Immigration Services

194 Departure Record
Petitioner: CA INST OF TECH JET PROPULSION LAB

14. Family Name
SKYWALKER

15. First (Given) Name
LUKE

16. Date of Birth
08/04/1989

17. Country of Citizenship
CANADA
MAINTAINING H-1B STATUS

- H-1B status is employer and employment specific
- Multiple H-1Bs possible
- Maximum stay = six years
  - Save all boarding passes/entry stamps to track time outside the U.S.
- Timely extensions – file before expiration date
- Change of address - submit AR-11 within 10 days
- FDNS site visits
- H-4 Dependent: No work authorization
F-1 OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

Keep end date current
OPT REMINDERS

- Travel—Visa Issuance
  - Signed I-20 (Home Institution)
  - Valid EAD
  - Offer letter
  - Address update
OPT STEM EXTENSION

- Contact F-1 school 4 months before OPT expiration date
- Complete Form I-983 with PI/supervisor (provide copy to ISS for our records)
- ISS has guidance for some sections
- Inform ISS of application progress
- 180-day work authorization
TN/E-3 DOCUMENT
ENTRY STAMP

TN I-94

Department of Homeland Security
CSP 1-84.11/84 Departure Record

Departure Number
853356470

TN-2 7907
CAR10131

Apr 01 2007

HICKLEY
First (Given) Name
CRAIG JOSEPH
Birth Date (Day Month Year)
12, 12, 64

Country of Citizenship
CANADA

20060402 US-Visit Multiple

SEAL

Check that your passport number is correct.
Check that your name is spelled correctly.
Where your visa was issued.
Check that your date of birth is correct.

M" means that you can seek entry into the U.S. multiple times. If there is a number here, you may apply for entry that many times.

"Annotation" may include additional information about your visa. For example, on a student visa, it will show your SEVIS number and name of your school.

"Expiry Date" is the last day you can use your visa to seek entry into the U.S. It has nothing to do with how long you may stay in the U.S. See "What is a Visa?"
SAFEKEEPING IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

- Keep documents in a safe place and note their validity
- Keep all previous immigration documents (for historical record)
- Keep copies, including all electronic I-94s

- Carry originals during travel:
  - Domestic travel (flying within the US)
  - Travel near border
  - Travel within Arizona, Alabama, and Texas

- Contact International Scholar Services if you lose your documents
MAINTAINING STATUS
DUI VIOLATIONS

- DUI = Driving Under the Influence (of alcohol)
- 1 arrest = visa revocation (cancellation)
- Must see panel physician before new visa
- California Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) .08%

Alternatives to driving:
  - Designated Driver (your DD)
  - Ride share: Uber, Lyft
  - Taxi
  - Metro
Marijuana (cannabis) usage is a Federal offense.

You can be arrested for use of marijuana even though it is “legal” in California.

Federal regulations prevail over state regulations.

This can have a negative affect your immigration and your ability to remain in U.S.
NOTIFY US OF CHANGES

- Report home address, phone or email change within 10 days
- New site of activity/research location
- Funding change
- Outside employment opportunities
- Transfer to another institution
- Adjustment to LPR
- Prolonged leave of absence/long-term overseas collaboration
- Early program completion or termination
STATUS VIOLATIONS

Potential triggers for unlawful presence:
- Unauthorized work (even within Caltech)
- Unreported address/work site changes
- Staying in the U.S. beyond the grace period

Consequences:
- 3, 10, or permanent bar from entering the U.S. in the future
HELPFUL REMINDERS
- Annual resources:
  - U.S. federal taxes: preparation software
  - California state taxes: seminars

- ITINs required in order to claim dependents without social security numbers
- Wait 5 days from check-in
- Bring:
  - DS-2019/I-20/EAD/I-797
  - Passport
  - Form I-94 copy
- J-2s only eligible with an EAD card
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Information:
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Contact us with any questions.
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