

**U.S. Consulate or Embassy
U.S. Customs and Border Protection - U.S. Port of Entry**

Re: Visiting Medical Student Participating in Medical Clerkship [Clinical / Research Elective]
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

To Whom It May Concern:

The Office of International Services [OIS] has been notified by the Office of the Registrar of the School of Medicine that you have been accepted for a Medical Clerkship [Clinical or Research Elective] at the Johns Hopkins University. You have the recommendation of your medical school authorities to participate in the activity as outlined in an e-mail from William Bryant Faust, IV, EdD, Associate Dean and Registrar.

The OIS heeds the advice of the U. S. Department of State and the Foreign Affairs Manual followed by U.S. consulates/embassies (FAM) in recommending that you enter the United States on a B-1/B-2 visa or Visa Waiver business/tourist status.

[9 FAM 402.2-5\(E\)\(3\)\(b\)](#)

b. Medical Clerkship: An alien who is studying at a foreign medical school and seeks to enter the United States temporarily in order to take an "elective clerkship" at a U.S. medical school's hospital without remuneration from the hospital. The medical clerkship is only for medical students pursuing their normal third or fourth year internship in a U.S. medical school as part of a foreign medical school degree. (An "elective clerkship" affords practical experience and instructions in the various disciplines of medicine under the supervision and direction of faculty physicians at a U.S. medical school's hospital as an approved part of the alien's foreign medical school education. It does not apply to graduate medical training, which is restricted by INA 212(e) and normally requires a J-visa.)

Entry to the U.S. under the B-1/B-2 visa or Visa Waiver Program ** [VWP] is appropriate for your activities within Johns Hopkins because you will not participate in formal coursework or receive academic credit from JHU for your participation. Further, you will not receive any U.S. funding during the course of your elective, and you will be responsible for your travel and room and board. You are expected to resume your university studies after your elective period at Johns Hopkins University.

This letter may only be used to apply for a B-1/B-2 visa *or* for entry to the U.S. under the VWP if accompanied by confirmation of admission to a Medical Clerkship [medical/research elective] from William Bryant Faust, IV, EdD, Associate Dean and Registrar. Confirmation is received via e-mail. These two pieces of correspondence can be used to facilitate the issuance of a B-1/B-2 visa and entry under the VWP if appropriate.

Kind Regards,



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*** Please note: that the Visa Waiver Program [VWP], in lieu of the B-1/B-2 is available only to citizens of certain countries who will remain in the U. S. for ninety (90) days or less. In addition, individuals who enter the U.S. under the VWP are ineligible to change their nonimmigrant status inside the U.S. If you are unsure if you qualify for the VWP, contact your local travel agent or U.S. Consulate to see if you are eligible to participate.*

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