

REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER PETITION
THERE ARE TWO SETS OF REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO QUALIFYING AS AN OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER:

I. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION:

AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOLLOWING SIX REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET TO QUALIFY AS AN OUTSTANDING RESEARCHER. (MEETING ONLY TWO REQUIREMENTS WITH LITTLE DOCUMENTATION MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT):

1. You have received major prizes or awards for outstanding achievements in your academic field
2. You are a member of an association in your academic field which requires outstanding achievements of their members
3. Others have written about your work in professional publications in your academic field
4. You have participated, either by yourself or as a member of a panel, as a judge of the work of others in your academic field or in an allied academic field
5. You have contributed original scientific or scholarly research to your academic field
6. You are the author of scholarly books or articles (in scholarly Journals with International Circulation) in your academic field

II. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO EXPERIENCE AND OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT:

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET:

- A. You have at least three years of experience in research or teaching. (There are special requirements if research was for attainment of Ph.D. or if experience was gained through teaching. Please let us know ahead of time so we can assist you with the documentation.)
- B. You have an offer of permanent employment from a United States employer
- C. The employment involves doing research in your academic field
- D. The employer employs at least three persons in full-time research positions
- E. The employer has achieved documented accomplishments in your academic field

Forms that have to be submitted

I-140 – Immigrant petition for Alien Worker, Outstanding professor or researcher

I-485- Application to register Permanent residence or to Adjust Status/ employment based

I-131 – Application for Travel Document

I-765 – Application for Employment Authorization/Based on a pending I-485 adjustment application [(c)(9)]

Make sure you submit I-140 and I-485 AT THE SAME TIME.

Check status of all these applications at

<https://egov.immigration.gov/cris/jsps/Processtimes.jsp?SeviceCenter=California>