

The outstanding researcher/professor category is for employees who are outstanding in their field both nationally and internationally. Any faculty member would be eligible provided he or she meets the “outstanding” standard. There is no time limit for filing the petition and no intermediate review by the DOL; however, effectively there are time limits given that the faculty member is in the U.S. under a time limited visa.

There are other types of green card petitions that do not require an employer sponsorship which faculty may pursue on their own.