

## *Affiliated Hospital Visa Services*

Researchers with concurrent appointments at Brown may have access to immigration services available at the University. [Please note: This service agreement does not cover services for clinical staff.] For further information or to set up an appointment for a consultation, please contact the Office of International Student & Scholar Services (OISSS) at 401-863-2427.

### **J-1**

Under the umbrella of Brown's Exchange Visitor program, researchers and scientists may be eligible for a J-1 visa. This visa category has a maximum duration of five years and other limitations that deserve careful consideration as researchers are being hired.

Once appointment processes are concluded, the production of immigration documents (Form DS-2019) can take up to five business days.

### **H-1B**

A second alternative is the H-1B visa. This specialty worker category is commonly used for appointments of longer duration [it is available in 3 year segments, and a total aggregate of 6 years]. To qualify for this visa a position must meet a prevailing wage test, and other fair employment practice standards.

A standard application can take several months to process, but can be expedited by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for an additional fee of \$1000 (premium processing).

### **How to:**

The hiring unit should follow regular hospital appointment procedures, but concurrently seek a **joint appointment** through the Office of Medical Faculty Affairs at Brown. For further information please contact Lin Collette at 401-863-1623.