O-1 Eligibility Criteria

USCIS requires that your scholarly achievements meet at least three of the eight categories listed below. The requirement is not only to document these achievements but also be able to demonstrate your achievements are extraordinary with national and international recognition.

O-1: Three of Eight Eligibility Categories

Evidence of authorship of: Authorship

Evidence of published material written by others

Evidence of publication of judged others

Evidence of original scholarly research contributions

Evidence of receipt of prizes

Outstanding memberships

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international experts in their field.

Note: One good example would be membership in the National Academy of Sciences. Membership based solely on level of education, years of experience or that require annual dues do not meet the required standard.

Employment Status

Employment in a critical or essential capacity for organizations and establishments with a distinguished reputation.

Salary

A high salary or other remuneration for services as evidenced by contracts or other reliable evidence.

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