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

- **Authorship**: Evidence of authorship of scholarly articles in professional journals or other major media in the field.
  
  Note: It is important to have a few first authorship in journals with very high impact factor. USCIS expects publications to be part of normal academic work. One has to prove that it is *extraordinary* with international reputation.
  
- **Published material written by others**: Evidence of published material in professional or major trade publications, newspapers or other major media about the beneficiary's work in the field.
  
  Note: This includes not only sole reviews of your work but also in the form of 'highlights/editorial/commentary' in premier journals. Citations in book chapters can be used. Demonstrating an abundance of citation in journals or fewer ones in very high impact journals can also satisfy this criteria. *(Science, Cell, Nature)*
  
- **Judge of others**: Evidence of participation either on a panel or individually, as a judge of the work of others in the same or in a field of specialization.
  
  Note: Includes peer review of academic journals/grant proposals/conference proceedings/book/conference selection committee.
  
- **Original Scholarly Research Contributions**: Evidence of original scientific, scholarly or business-related contributions of major significance in the field.
  
  Note: This includes achievements that do not fit into any other category. Approved Patents, submissions of protein structures in national databases, letters of recommendation, invited talks at conferences, conference posters/abstracts can be used to prove 'Original Scholarly Research'.
  
- **Recipient of Prizes**: Evidence of receipt of nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor.
  
  Note: This category has very high standards. *(e.g.; Fields Medal, Pulitzer prize, MacArthur prize, etc.)*
  
- **Outstanding Memberships**: Membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought which require outstanding achievements, as judged by recognized national or international standards.

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**Evidence of published material written by others**: Evidence of published material in professional or major trade publications, newspapers or other major media about the beneficiary's work in the field.

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**Evidence of original scholarly research contributions**: Evidence of original scientific, scholarly or business-related contributions of major significance in the field.

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**Evidence of receipt of nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor.**

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**Membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought which require outstanding achievements, as judged by recognized national or international standards.**
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Note: One good example would be membership in ‘National Academy of Sciences’. Membership based solely on level of education, years experience or annual dues do not meet the required standard.

**Employment Status**

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

**Salary**

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

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