

O-1 Eligibility Criteria

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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 of scholarly articles, books, or other professional journals or publications in your field.	<b>Evidence of authorship of scholarly articles, books, or other professional journals or publications in your field.</b>
	Note: It is important to have your work published in journals with very high impact. Your publications to be part of national or international recognition to prove that it is 'extraordinary' and of 'international reputation'.
Published material written by others	<b>Evidence of published material in major trade publications, professional media about the beneficiary's work in the field.</b>
	Note: This includes not only articles but also in the form of 'highlight' articles in premier journals. Citations in professional media. Demonstrating an abundance of such work or fewer ones in very high impact journals can satisfy this criteria. ( <i>Science</i> , <i>Nature</i> , etc.)
Judge of others	<b>Evidence of participation in the field, individually, as a judge of others in the same or in a field of specialization.</b>
	Note: Includes peer review of manuscripts, proposals/conference proceedings, and selection committee.
Original Scholarly Research Contributions	<b>Evidence of original scientific or scholarly research related contributions of national or international significance in the field.</b>
	Note: This includes achievement in your field or other category. Approved Fellowships, structures in national databases, national recommendation, invited talks, conference posters/abstracts, etc. 'Original Scholarly Research Contributions'.
Recipient of Prizes	<b>Evidence of receipt of national or international recognized prizes or awards in your field of endeavor.</b>
	Note: This category has very high impact. Fields Medal, Pulitzer prize, etc.
Outstanding Memberships	<b>Membership in associations of national or international significance.</b>

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on level of education, years  
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Employment Status

Employment in a critical o  
organizations and establi  
distinguished reputation.

Salary

A high salary or other ren  
evidenced by contracts o

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