

## QUALIFICATION AS OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR / RESEARCHER

The Outstanding Professor or Researcher category has proven to be one of the most useful methods of sponsoring high-level engineers and scientists. This category is reserved for persons who are outstanding in their academic field and who are recognized internationally as outstanding in that academic field.

A private employer seeking to file an Outstanding Professor or Researcher immigrant visa petition must demonstrate that it is offering the candidate a regular, full-time research position in the academic field, that it employs at least three persons full-time in research positions, and that it has achieved documented accomplishments in an academic field. An institution of higher learning must offer the candidate a tenured or tenure-track teaching position or a permanent research position.

A candidate for classification as an Outstanding Professor or Researcher within his or her field must demonstrate eligibility for such classification by proving that he or she has been internationally recognized as outstanding, and by meeting **at least two** of the following categories:

1. received major prizes or awards for outstanding achievements in the field;
2. holds membership in associations in the field for which classification is sought which require outstanding achievements of their members;
3. published material about the candidate in professional publications relating to his or her work;
4. participated either individually or on a panel, as the judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field;
5. original scientific or scholarly contributions to the academic field;
6. authorship of scholarly articles (which appeared in scholarly journals with an international circulation) in the field.

The candidate must also have at least three years of experience in teaching and/or research in the field. Experience teaching or as a researcher while studying for a masters or doctoral degree is acceptable **only if** (1) the degree was obtained, **and** (2) the candidate had full responsibility for teaching class or if the research conducted toward the degree has been recognized within the field as outstanding.

Detailed reference letters from past and/or current employers will be needed to prove experience as well as to support the claim of eligibility as an Outstanding Professor or Researcher.