**Comparing Visa Types**

**J-1 Visiting Scholar**
- **Purpose**: Research, teaching, observation; to benefit international exchange
- **Initial Time**: Short-term – up to 6 months
  - Research Scholar/Professor – up to 5 years
- **Extension**: Can request extension through OIA one month prior to expiration of DS-2019
- **Position**: No tenured-track faculty positions, appointment must be temporary
- **Restriction**: 2-year home return requirement for some, not all
- **Funding**: Ohio State, personal funds, home institution, government, scholarships, etc
- **Documents Required for Visa or Entry at Border**: DS-2019, department’s invitation letter, funding documentation if not being fully funded by Ohio State
- **Fees**: Visa fees at consulate or USCIS, change of status fee, SEVIS fee, $375 OIA fee
- **Dependents**: J-2, eligible for work authorization

**B-1 Visa Waiver Program**
- **Purpose**: Engaging in temporary professional activities (conferences, seminars, independent research, observing professional activity)
- **Initial Time**: Up to 3 years at a time
  - B-1 (no pay/reimbursement only) – up to 6 months
  - B-1 (honorarium) – event lasting not more than 9 days
  - VWP (no pay/reimbursement only) – up to 60 days
  - VWP (honorarium) – event lasting not more than 49 days
- **Extension**: Department must initiate extension 6 months prior to the expiration date
- **Position**: No employment requiring at least a Bachelor's degree in a specific field of study
- **Restriction**: Must be in an Ohio State salaried or hourly wage position
- **Funding**: Salary/hourly wage paid with Ohio State paycheck
- **Documents Required for Visa or Entry at Border**: Letter from department stating profession, duties, purpose of entry, length of stay, educational qualifications, compensation
- **Fees**: Visa fees at consulate or USCIS (if not being fully funded by Ohio State), $2426 for new H-1B
- **Dependents**: H-4, cannot work, must change status to work

**H-1B Temporary Worker**
- **Purpose**: Employment in a specialty occupation (specific field of specialization)
- **Initial Time**: Up to a total of 6 years
  - Up to 3 years at a time
  - Must show need; extensions are highly scrutinized
- **Extension**: Up to 3 years at a time
  - Can request an extension through USCIS or go home and cross the border again with a new letter
- **Position**: Employment of professionals
- **Restriction**: None
- **Funding**: Prevailing Wage as determined by the National Prevailing Wage and Helpdesk Center
- **Documents Required for Visa or Entry at Border**: I-797 H-1B approval notice, petition packet
- **Fees**: $2,426 for new H-1B, $1,926 for extension, Optional Premium Processing fee $1,410, Family: $290
- **Dependents**: H-4, cannot work, must change status to work

**TN Canadian Mexican Professionals**
- **Purpose**: Temporary employment for professionals under NAFTA
- **Initial Time**: Up to a total of 6 years
  - Up to 3 years at a time
  - Temporary employment for professionals under NAFTA
- **Extension**: Up to 3 years at a time
  - Can request an extension through USCIS or go home and cross the border again with a new letter
- **Position**: Employment of professionals
- **Restriction**: None
- **Funding**: Salary paid with Ohio State paycheck
- **Documents Required for Visa or Entry at Border**: Letter from department stating profession, duties, purpose of entry, length of stay, educational qualifications, compensation
- **Fees**: $50 USD at the border.
- **Dependents**: TD, cannot work, must change status to work