

## **The Harvard Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Program Visa Policy for Clinical Fellows**

**Boston Children's Hospital will bring on clinical fellows requiring employment visas in either the H-1B or J-1 visa category. Visa sponsorship is contingent on the eligibility of the individual and the position as well as the approval of the visa application.**

### **H-1B VISA**

The H-1B is an employment visa status which is used for qualified applicants who will be working in highly specialized positions. The Clinical Fellow position qualifies for H-1B visa sponsorship. All H-1B applicants for clinical positions must have an approved Massachusetts Medical License. The H-1B requires that graduates of medical schools outside the US (including Canada) must have a valid ECFMG certificate and have passed Steps 1-3 of the USMLE's. US medical graduates must have passed Steps 1 and 2 of the USMLE's.

### **CLINICAL J-1 VISA**

The Office of Immigration Services (OIS) at Boston Children's Hospital acts as a "Training Program Liaison" (TPL) between ECFMG and your clinical Training Program. The OIS/BCH is not the sponsor of the J-1 clinical visa. The OIS cannot guarantee that ECFMG will sponsor a BCH-accepted Trainee for the J-1 clinical visa. Under the direction of the US Department of State, ECFMG has very strict policies they must follow related to clinical J-1 visa sponsorship and may not be able to approve all clinical J-1 sponsorship requests. All Trainees must be certified by ECFMG's Registration and Certification Services before ECFMG's Exchange Visitor Sponsorship Program will provide J-1 visa sponsorship. Trainees with questions about ECFMG certification should email [credentials@ecfm.org](mailto:credentials@ecfm.org) or call 215-823-2121.