



INDIANA UNIVERSITY IMMIGRATION BRIDGE PROGRAM

If you have a solid job opportunity in the United States, but your prospective employer is hesitant about the H-1B visa process, the IU Immigration Bridge Program can help you get to an offer—even with companies that don't typically sponsor students with U.S. work authorization needs.

IU Immigration Bridge is a proactive partnership between the IU Office of International Services and a top immigration law firm, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP, to assist students with H-1B visa needs by streamlining the visa process for potential employers.

While the IU Bridge Program **does not guarantee** a visa sponsorship, an H-1B visa, or employment, it does improve the situation for students with U.S. work authorization needs being recruited both on and off campus.

HOW IT WORKS

If you are a student and need U.S. work authorization during the offer phase with an employer, you should start the IU Immigration Bridge Program application:

1. **You must inform recruiting companies about the program before filling out the E-Form to gauge their interest in participating.** Once you have discussed the program with recruiters, fill out a brief E-Form on iStart at the IU Office of International Services' website: ois.iu.edu/istart. This authorizes Fragomen to initiate legal consultation with your prospective employer.
2. After you fill out the E-Form, the Office of International Services will contact the recruiting company for permission to have Fragomen begin the discovery process with the company.
3. Fragomen will contact you and your recruiting company with a questionnaire.

Note: *The visa process can take several months, depending on Federal Government timetables with no guarantee of securing an H-1B visa. Employers will cover the full cost of the H-1B visa process.*

WHEN TO START

Begin the IU Immigration Bridge Program when a job offer from a recruiting company is imminent.

LEARN MORE

Graduate and Undergraduate Students: Contact Dr. Susan Simmons, Director of Career Services – IU School of Public Health, at suscrowe@indiana.edu.

About Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP: The leading provider of end-to-end corporate immigration services and solutions worldwide. The firm has been practicing global immigration and nationality law exclusively since 1951. Fragomen has a team of more than four legal professionals based out of their Chicago office dedicated to handling immigration matters for firms recruiting IU students. **More information:** fragomen.com

About the IU Office of International Services: Committed to assisting international students and scholars in accomplishing their educational, personal, and professional goals at Indiana University. **More information:** ois.iu.edu

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