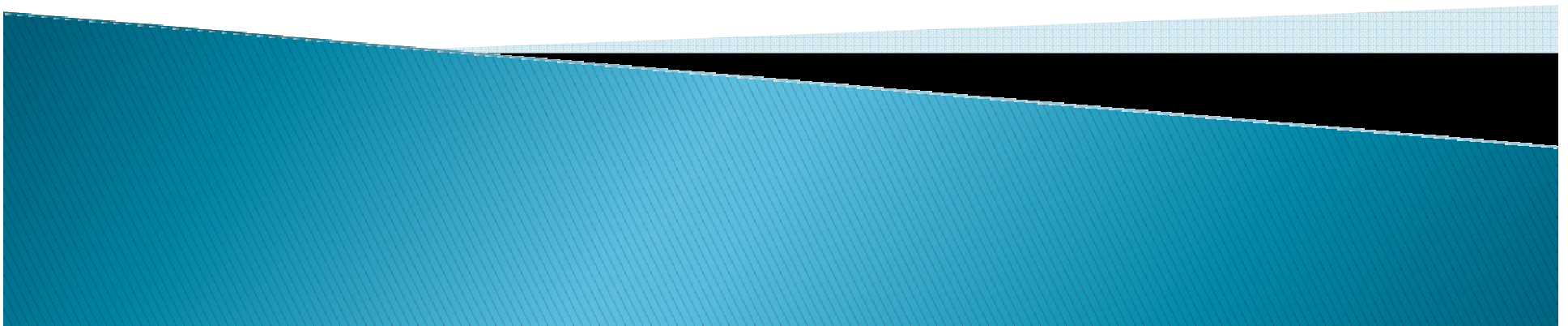


# Visas and Summer Work Travel

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DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION

DELEGATE AUTHORITY—

BUT NOT RESPONSIBILITY

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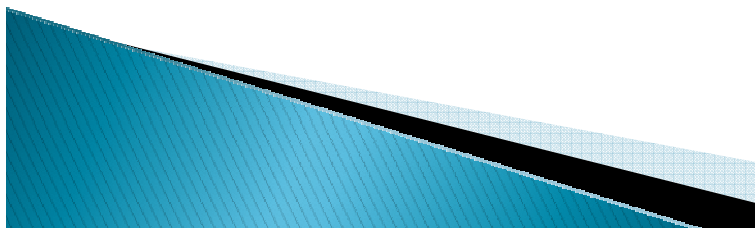
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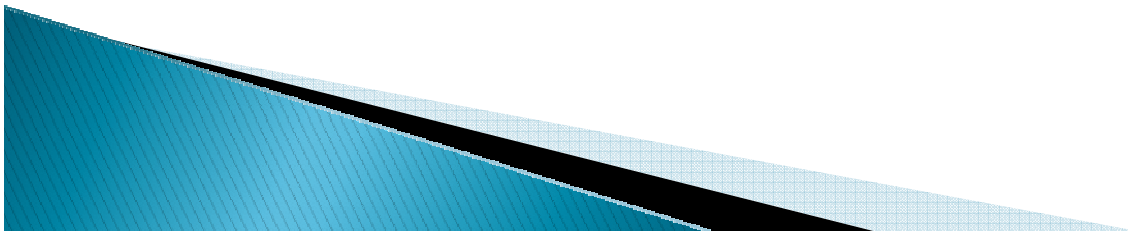
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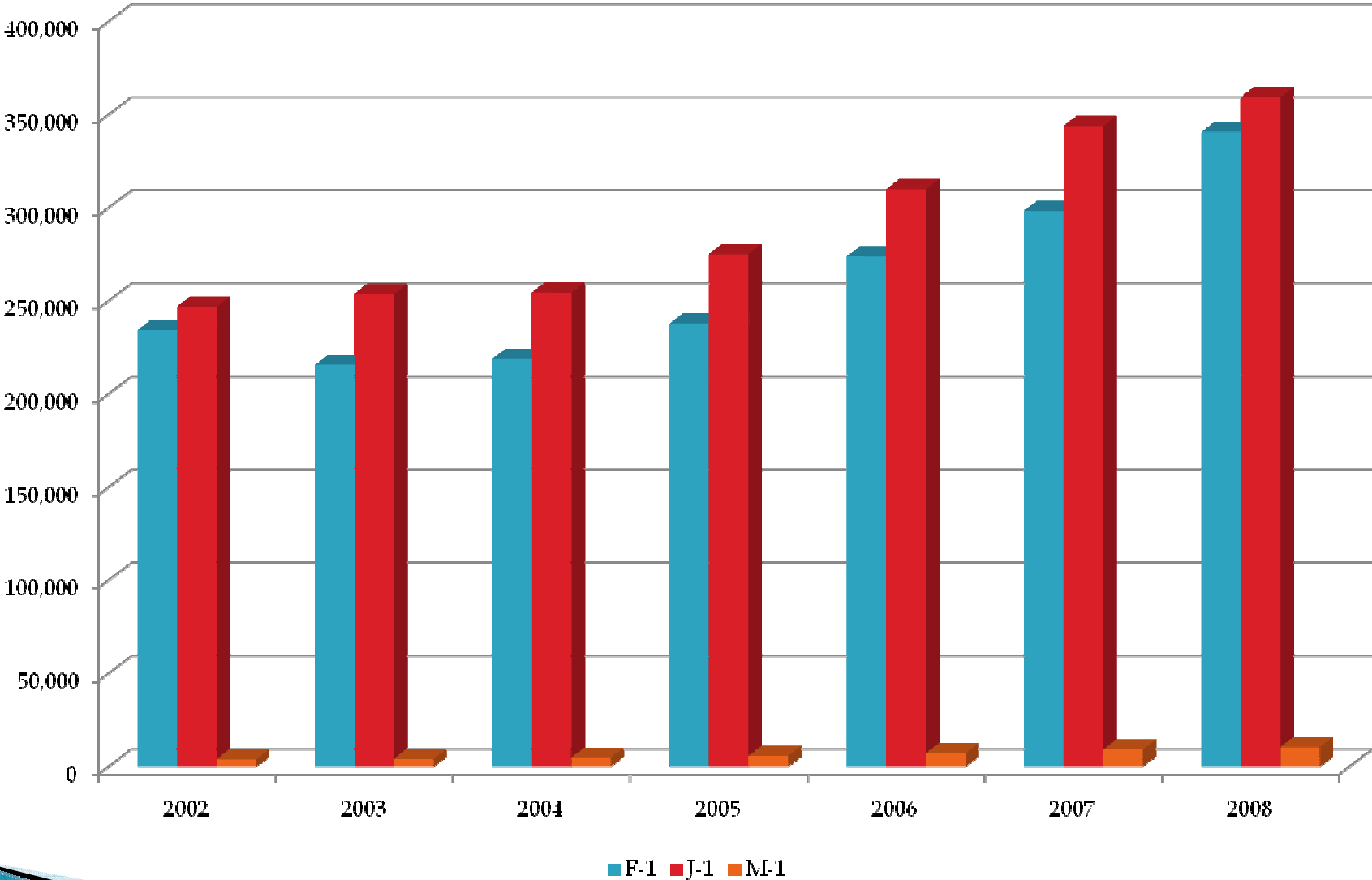
# Fast Facts

- ▶ Over 8,000 consular employees worldwide
- ▶ Average interview: 3 to 5 minutes
- ▶ 90% of posts have overall wait times less than 30 days
- ▶ Over 600 new consular positions worldwide since September 2001
- ▶ 97% of qualified applicants receive visas within two days

# Statistics and Trends

- ▶ FY08: Record issuance of F1/M1/J1s (710,631)
  - 9% increase over FY 2007 (J1 issuances increased 4.5%)
  - 26% increase over FY 2001 (J1 issuances increased 37.3%)
  - Record issuances in China (40% increase), Middle East (26% increase), Brazil (24% increase)
  - See [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for full statistics

# F,J,M Issued FY02-08



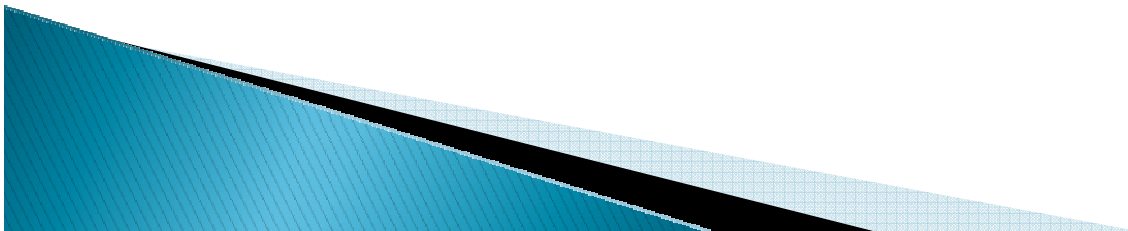
# All Electrons, No Paper

## **CEAC:** Consular Electronic Application Center

- Web-based visa application platform
- ▶ **Online NIV Application**
  - DS-1648: Required for domestic A, G, NATO
  - DS-160: Currently operational in nine posts
    - Check individual embassy sites
- ▶ **Online IV Application**
  - DS-260: In development
- ▶ **Unified NIV appointment system** (101 posts)
- ▶ **Online fee payment** (used for IV applicants)

# The Visa Interview

» Overview and  
Suggestions for  
Sponsors







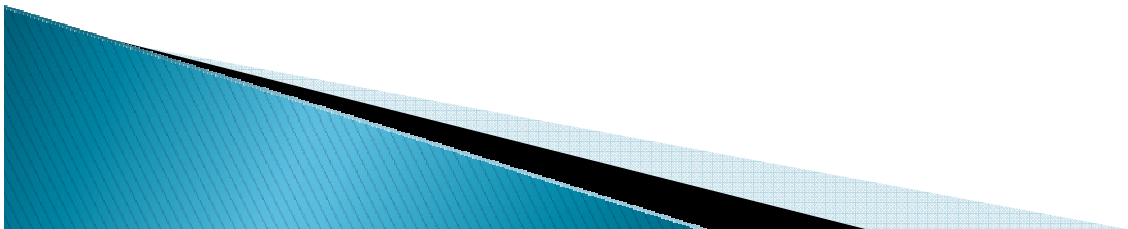


# How to Begin

- Contact Consulate for an appointment
  - Almost all applicants must be interviewed
  - Students and Exchange Visitors should be receiving an expedited appointment
- Information on application process and wait times on the State Department's visa website <http://travel.state.gov/visa>

# What Documents to Bring

- ▶ Form DS-2019
- ▶ Application Form(s)
  - DS-156
  - DS-157
  - DS-158, if necessary
  - Coming Soon - DS-160
- ▶ Photo
- ▶ Passport
- ▶ Information about placement (if known)



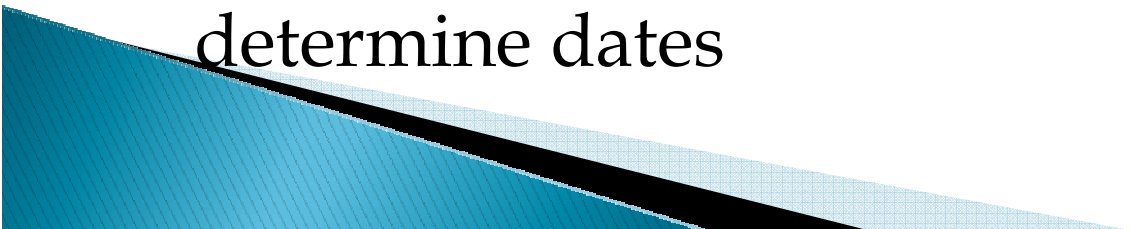
# Visa Application Fees

- ▶ SEVIS Fee for F, M and most J's
- ▶ \$131 Application Fee (Machine Readable Visa Fee)
- ▶ If applicable, Visa Issuance (Reciprocity) Fee

## Consular Officers Must Consider:

- ▶ Presumption of Immigrant Intent
  - 214(b) versus Intent to Return
- ▶ Each case on its own merits
- ▶ English language ability
- ▶ Funds
- ▶ Program dates

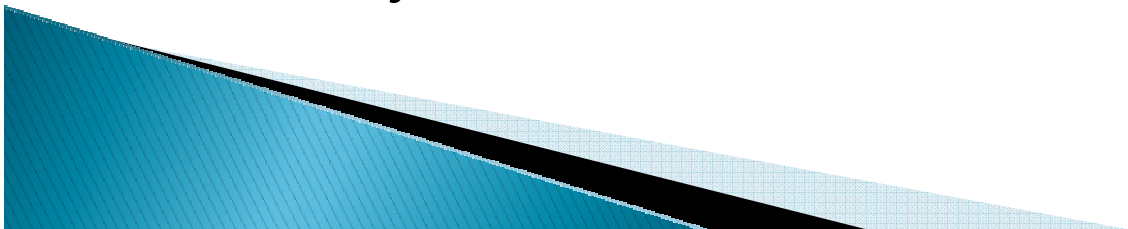
# SWT Program Dates

- ▶ Programs may only be:
    - Four months long
    - During the summer months of that country
  - ▶ Programs may NOT extend into the school year
    - Individual exceptions not permitted
    - 30-day grace period after program ends may extend into school year
  - ▶ Consular sections work with host country to determine dates
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# SWT Participant Exemplar

## U.S. Embassy Bucharest Summer Work & Travel

- ▶ This card provides important contact information while you are in the U.S.
- ▶ In case of any problems with your employment, immediately contact your American sponsor company: \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ You should also contact your Romanian coordinator company:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Other contacts:
  - **Romanian Embassy in Washington, D.C.:** (202) 332-4846
  - **United States Embassy in Bucharest:** [BCHFPM@state.gov](mailto:BCHFPM@state.gov)
- ▶ Don't forget to return to Romania no later than **the first Monday in October!**





# Three Possible Outcomes

- ▶ Visa Approved
- ▶ Visa Denied
- ▶ Case Pending

# Special Clearances

- ▶ Country of Birth or Citizenship
  - See Reciprocity Schedule on [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)
- ▶ Personal Info/Characteristics of Applicant
  - IDENT
  - CLASS
- ▶ Fields of Study or Research
  - **Some cases are averaging 90 days**
  - **F/M/J applicants expedited**

# SEVIS: Consular View

Home		Consular Consolidated Database			
<b>SEVIS ID:</b>	N0000421554	<b>SEVIS Status:</b>	ACTIVE	<b>Status Last Change:</b>	09-APR-03
<b><u>Exchange Visitor</u></b>					
<b>Surname:</b>		<b>Given Name:</b>		<b>Suffix:</b>	
<b>COB (Country Code):</b>	IN	<b>DOB:</b>	24-AUG-72	<b>Nationality (Country Code):</b>	IN
		<b>Gender:</b>		<b>Gender:</b>	F
<b><u>Program</u></b>					
<b>Program ID:</b>	P-3-04510	<b>Program Name:</b>	Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates		
<b>Program Start:</b>	01-JUL-2003	<b>Program End:</b>	31-AUG-2006		
<b>Program Sponsor:</b>				<b>Official Title</b>	Regional Advisor
<b>Site of Activity:</b>	American Board of Internal Medicine 108 Independence Dr. Chestnut Hill MA 2467				
	MA	2467			
<b><u>Subject</u></b>					
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<b>Subject Field Remark:</b>	AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE / GERIATRIC MEDICINE				
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				<b>Receipt Number:</b>	
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<b>Funding:</b>					
<b>Program Ammendment:</b>					
<b>Termination:</b>					
<b>Completion:</b>					

# Advocating for Your Applicant

- ▶ Prepare the applicant
  - The interview is a conversation, not a document review
  - Burden of proof is on them
  - Get decision in writing
- ▶ Contacting the Consulate
  - Have the applicant bring any additional information to the interview
  - Check Embassy's website for contact information
  - Not always possible to discuss case beforehand

# Additional Resources

- ▶ **NEW!** Student/Exchange Visitor Visa Center  
[fmjvisas@state.gov](mailto:fmjvisas@state.gov)
- ▶ Visa Office Public Inquiries Unit  
(202) 663-1225
- ▶ Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) - Chapter 22  
[www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html)
- ▶ U.S. Department of State Visa Website  
[www.travel.state.gov/visa](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa)
- ▶ Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM)  
[www.foia.state.gov/REGS/Search.asp](http://www.foia.state.gov/REGS/Search.asp)



Questions?