

Benefactor Guide

The Build Fellowship offers a cap-exempt H-1B visa solution with a 99% acceptance rate, allowing foreign national talent to pursue careers in the fastest-growing industries across the United States. If you are a foreign national who wants to work or continue working in the U.S., securing your visa is a top priority — The Build Fellowship is here to help.

Funding The Fellowship

You will need a benefactor to finance your Fellowship, as a Fellow cannot pay for their own Fellowship. There are two primary types of benefactors:

- + **U.S. EMPLOYERS AND COMPANIES WILLING TO SPONSOR A CANDIDATE'S FELLOWSHIP**
- + **INDIVIDUALS WILLING TO FUND A CANDIDATE'S FELLOWSHIP THROUGH A LEGAL ENTITY (LIKE AN LLC THEY FORM)**

Pricing Model

\$4000 per month

- + **INCLUDES PROGRAM FEES AND SPONSORSHIP FOR PART-TIME CAP-EXEMPT H-1B VISA**
- + **INCLUDES 5 HOURS PER WEEK OF SALARY AT THE FAIR PREVAILING WAGE**

The Build Fellowship

WHO IS A BENEFACTOR?

- An organization that has an interest supporting a Fellow's career development in the U.S. Can be any type of organization – nonprofit, LLC, corporation, etc. – inside or outside of the U.S.
- Benefactor organizations can have a relationship with the Fellow (employee, desired employee, owned by a relative, friend, or even be owned by the Fellow themselves)
- Benefactors do not need to commit to employing the Fellow, but they must commit to paying the Fellowship fees

HOW DO BENEFACTORS FUND THE FELLOWSHIP?

- Benefactor commits to paying the monthly program fee
- Benefactor payments cannot be from a personal bank account, must be from the business account
- Proof of funds must be sent to The Build Fellowship (bank statement, etc) demonstrating access to \$250,000 funds or provide payment up front for 6 months of fees

WHAT DO BENEFACTORS AGREE TO?

- Benefactors must sign the Benefactor Agreement with The Build Fellowship
- The Fellowship and cap-exempt H-1B will only last as long as there is an active Benefactor agreement
- The Fellow can change Benefactors as long as a new organization signs a Benefactor Agreement
- The Fellow can have a concurrent employer who is not the benefactor as long as the benefactor agreement remains in place and the benefactor signs off on the concurrent employer

How do I talk to a benefactor about funding my Fellowship?

Securing a U.S. work visa is difficult, even for highly skilled foreign nationals who qualify for the H-1B visa are rarely accepted due to a randomized lottery. Last year – only 24% of applicants were selected.

The Build Fellowship is a program that will allow you to live and work in the U.S. by securing a cap-exempt H-1B visa. Fellows work 5 hours a week for The Build Fellowship's nonprofit partners training students and advancing the U.S. education system.

Once a foreign national's Build Fellowship starts, they are then eligible to work full time for a U.S. company. This makes hiring the foreign national more appealing. The Fellowship lasts a minimum of twelve months and up to three years. An additional three year extension is possible.