

THE CLOCK IS TICKING ON CONGRESS... WILL THE NEXT SILICON VALLEY BE IN EUROPE?

By making a simple and dramatic change in immigration policy with its new “Blue Card,” the EU served notice that it is serious about competing with the United States for the world’s brightest and most innovative minds.

EU BLUE CARD

THE EUROPEAN UNION WELCOMES HIGHLY EDUCATED PROFESSIONALS

- **Created to Reduce Skills Shortage:** All highly educated can apply for a renewable, two-year visa.
- **Targeted at U.S. Students:** Foreign-born graduates of world-leading U.S. colleges and universities will be heavily recruited to “go Blue.”
- **Easy and Fast Process:** Application process will take 1-3 months.



Meanwhile, outdated visa policies in the United States are slamming the door on highly educated foreign-born professionals—even those who earn master’s degrees and PhDs from U.S. universities.

U.S. GREEN CARD

THE HIGHLY EDUCATED WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT

- **Demand Exceeds Supply:** U.S. employers do not have enough Green Cards to keep highly educated, foreign-born talent innovating here in America.
- **Outdated:** Annual Green Card allocations for highly educated professionals have been the same since 1990 – before many innovative high-tech and biotech companies even existed.
- **Broken Process:** Tens of thousands of highly educated professionals are forced to wait 5-10 years for a Green Card.



**Congress must reform the H-1B visa and
employment-based Green Card system for highly educated
foreign-born professionals if the United States is to stay the
world’s innovation leader.**