

Visa Application Process for Non-US Citizens/Residents

The best resources for accurate information about the visa application process are US government websites. You can see more here:

US Government Sites

- [US Visa Policies](#)
- [US State Department](#)
- [Visitor Visa Information](#)
- [US Embassies](#)
- [Office of Biometric Identity Management](#)

Visa Types

Generally, non-US citizens/residents must obtain a nonimmigrant B-1/B-2 visa to enter the United States for a temporary visit.

- [Visitor Visa Information from the US Department of State](#)

Visa Waiver Program

Under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), citizens of certain countries may travel to the United States for stays of ninety days or less without a visa. Anyone traveling under VWP must apply for authorization through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). The current list of VWP Designated Countries is shown on the following US State Department page:

- [Visa Waiver Program Information](#)

The starting point for new applications under the VWP is found here:

- [Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#)

Set Up Your Visa Interview

If you are not eligible to travel under the Visa Waiver Program, you may be required to appear at a US embassy or consulate for an in-person interview prior to visa approval. There may be long waits to schedule an interview, so start the application process as early as possible.

- [Visa Appointment & Processing Wait Times](#)

What to Bring to Your Visa Interview

- A valid passport.
Note: Consular Officers do not need to retain your passport.
- The online nonimmigrant visa application (Form DS-160) confirmation page.
- Specific and detailed explanations related to your purpose for travel, including your official ITS10 Invitation Letter.
- Complete travel itineraries and schedules if appropriate.
- Proof of the established relationship with the ITS10, either a copy of your MSC/ITS10 Symposium registration or a copy of your abstract acceptance email from the ITS10 Program Committee.
- An explanation of how your visit will be funded.
- Your professional resume or curriculum vitae.
- Other information as directed by a consular officer.

Visa Interview Appointment Wait Times

The US Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs provides wait times for visa interview appointments for every US Consulate worldwide.

- [Visa Wait Times](#)

Administrative Processing

Some applications require additional “administrative processing” and this adds several weeks to the application process. Applicants involved in scientific fields are often subjected to administrative processing and should apply for visas as early as possible. Bring your professional credentials, conference registration and letter of invitation to the visa interview to help facilitate any additional processing.

- [Administrative Processing Information](#)

Visa Delays

If your visa application is delayed excessively:

- [APS Visa Help](#)

Entering the United States

Policies and procedures for entering the US:

- [Entering the United States](#)