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## U. S. Visa Waiver Program

Presenters and Attendees coming from a country that is part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP)(see table on right) need not apply for a visa provided that they meet all of the criteria for eligibility in VWP. Information on the VWP, including a list of partner countries (38 to date), can be found here:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visa-waiver-program.html>.

Presenters and Attendees who are not eligible for the VWP should apply for a B-1 visa. This visa allows attendees and presenters to enter the country legally. Most visa applications are processed within 60 days of the interview date.

Each person applying for a B-1 visa must do the following:  
**1.** Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form (DS-160). That form can be found here:

<https://ceac.state.gov/GenNIV/Default.aspx>

**2.** Upload a photo that meets the requirements listed here:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/photos.html>

**3.** Be certain to have access to the following information. It may be that not all of this information is required, but having access to it will expedite the process.

☛ **Passport.** The passport **must be valid for 6 months after** the applicant's scheduled departure date.

☛ **Travel itinerary,** if you have already made travel arrangements.

☛ **Proof of presentation.** A letter of acceptance by the conference organizer usually is sufficient.

☛ **Dates of your last five visits or trips to the United States,** if you have previously travelled to the United States. You may also be asked for your international travel history for the past five years.

☛ **Résumé or Curriculum Vitae.** You may be required to provide information about your current and previous education and work history.

☛ **Other Information.** Some applicants, depending on the intended purpose of travel, will be asked to provide additional information when completing the DS-160.

**4.** Schedule an interview; this generally is required for all applicants between the ages of 14 and 79. Interviews usually are conducted at a US Embassy or Consulate. Wait times for particular Embassies/Consulates can be found under the Schedule and Interview section of this web page:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html#overview>

More information about the US Visa Application Process can be found here:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/forms/ds-160--online-nonimmigrant-visa-application/frequently-asked-questions.html>

Visa Waiver Program Partner Countries		
If you are citizen of one of these countries <u>AND</u> a national of Iraq, Iran, Syria, or Sudan, you will need to apply for a visa.		
Andorra	Hungary	Norway
Australia	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Italy	Singapore
Brunei	Japan	Slovakia
Chile	Latvia	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Liechtenstein	South Korea
Denmark	Lithuania	Spain
Estonia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Finland	Malta	Switzerland
France	Monaco	Taiwan
Germany	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Greece	New Zealand	