

Visas and Invitation Letters

Visas

As you know, the requirements for travel to the United States constantly change. The links below can connect you to the latest US Government Visa information. We urge everyone that requires a Visa to travel to the US to apply for the Visa as early as possible. Please read the following information carefully.

- Apply at the [appropriate location](#) at least 5 months before intended travel. You can check on-line for the [wait times](#) for appointments.
- Be prepared to allow inkless fingerprinting and digital photographs upon entry to the US.
- Be accurate and specific in completing your application. Avoid mistakes. If needed, attach an additional explanation letter.
- Attach evidence of your previous visits to the United States and of your intended return trip to your home country.
- Acquire a police clearance, if possible.
- Bring all documentation proving your home country connections. Suggestions include: past visas, bank accounts, family, professional position, home ownership, and marriage license.
- If you are presenting a paper or speaking at the meeting or are receiving an award or grant, bring copies of correspondence confirming that.
- Bring your letter of invitation from American Medical Academy.

Click here for information on [Temporary Visas](#) to participate in the AMA Review Classes for temporary travel to the United States.

Click here for the United States [Visa application procedures](#).

Note: A Visa only allows you to travel to the US. You will still have to be admitted at your point of entry. Click here for information from Homeland Security on the [Entry Process](#).

Invitation Letters

Important: All letters of invitation will be sent via regular mail unless you provide a Federal Express or DHL account number. In most cases, Visa Offices will not accept faxed or e-mailed invitation letters.

Please provide the following information in your request:

- Your full name (Please specify family name and given name)
- Title (Dr., Professor, Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms, etc.)
- Current employer and contact information
- Full mailing address
- Telephone and Fax numbers
- Email address
- Additional information such as which review class and session you will be participating in and an explanation as to your reasons for attending the AMA review classes. Click here to [request a letter of invitation](#).

Click here for a description from U.S Customs and Border Protection of the [process for entering the United States](#).

The National Academy of Science has established an [International Visitors Office](#) with travel information specifically designed for scientists traveling to the US.