

APPLYING FOR A B-1 VISITOR VISA TO ATTEND ASV 2024 IN COLUMBUS, OHIO (JUNE 24-28)

B-1 Visa Overview:

Permissible B-1 Business Activities include participation in scientific, educational, professional or business conventions, conferences, or seminars. **ASV 2024 thus qualifies for a B-1 Visa.**

In order to apply for a B-1 visa to attend ASV 2024 it is necessary to file Form DS-160, pay the required Visa Application Fee, and schedule an interview at a U.S. embassy to receive a B-1 visa stamp in your passport. **Form DS-160 is filed at ceac.state.gov/genniv**

Qualified individuals from Visa Waiver Countries can attend the conference under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and do not need a B-1 visa. The VWP enables most citizens or nationals of participating countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Travelers must have a valid [Electronic System for Travel Authorization \(ESTA\)](#) approval prior to travel and meet all requirements. See <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>.

You must be a citizen or national of the following countries to be eligible to travel to the United States under the VWP.

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Chile
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan

- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand

B-1 Interview Appointment Wait Times can be very long at certain US Embassies so apply early!!! Check wait times online at the Department of State Website at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>. **If the wait times are too long at the US Embassy in your country of residence, consider traveling to a different country to apply for the B-1 visa. If applying for the B-1 visa at a US Embassy in a different country, it is a good idea to contact the US Embassy where you wish to apply in advance to confirm they will accept your application.**

The B-1 Visa application steps:

File Form DS-160

Schedule Visa Interview

Attend Visa Interview

Possible Biometrics

Wait for Processing (Could be subject to 221(g) background check delay)

Check Visa Status Online

Receive Visa Decision

Collect Visa from Designated Collection Point

Documents to bring to the visa interview:

- Passport
- DS-160 Barcode Confirmation Page
- Visa Appointment Confirmation Page
- Supporting Evidence discussed below (proof of conference registration, proof of ties to home country/country of residence, and proof of financial ability to visit U.S. without working)
- Check the website of the Embassy if anything else is needed

Supporting Evidence:

A. Proof of Conference Registration

Email evidence of conference registration

Letter regarding attendance

Evidence should provide details of purpose, duration, and nature of conference.

Online evidence about conference (printout from website)

If giving an oral or poster presentation, provide evidence of same

B. Proof of Ties to Home Country/Country of Residence

Letter from PI/Employer regarding nature of your employment/studies, that you will be attending ASV 2024 from mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy, the reason why you will be attending the conference, and that you will resume your employment/studies upon return to home country/country of residence

Proof of property ownership/rental in home country/country of residence

Proof of financial assets in home country/country of residence

Letter(s) from family members regarding their presence in home country/country of residence

C. Proof of Financial Ability to Attend ASV 2024 without Working

Bank Statements/Financial Documents showing financial ability to attend conference without working

Recent pay stubs

Form I-134 completed by a US sponsor with supporting documents including 2022 Federal Tax Return, bank statements, and recent pay stubs. See

<https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-134.pdf>

EMAIL ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT (1) APPLYING FOR A B-1 VISITOR VISA TO ATTEND ASV 2024, (2) NONIMMIGRANT WORK VISAS, AND/OR (3) APPLYING FOR UNITED STATES PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS

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