



**Thank you very much for your interest in traveling to the U.S. to participate in a standards development activity.**

While **the U.S. visa application process is significantly different than the process in many other countries**, we very much hope that you will be able to obtain a visa to come to the U.S. successfully. The following guidance is intended to help you to more clearly understand the process for application.

**Step One: Be informed**

We urge you to carefully review all the information on procedures for non-immigrant visa application provided by the U.S. State Department. [Click here](#) for an official source of information about U.S. visa policy and procedures. **Please follow all instructions provided on the website for your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate General website to avoid costly delays**

**Please remember that your application must be submitted through the U.S. Embassy or Consulate General that has jurisdiction over your place of residence.** [Click here](#) for a list of all U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide.

**Step Two: Apply Early**

Due to potentially long wait times for a visa interview and possible requirements for additional processing requirement, applicants are encouraged to begin the visa application process as early as possible – **ideally 90 days in advance of the intended travel**. Waiting times for a visa interview can range from a few days to two months, depending on location and time of year. [Click here](#) to find the current average wait times for your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate

Applicants from China, Russia, Israel, Iran, Pakistan and other countries who are engaged in certain sensitive scientific or technical fields may be subject to additional processing procedures may be subject to additional administrative processing procedures, which can add an additional 30 days of to the visa application procedures.

**Step Three: Be Prepared**

Applicants for U.S. visas should come to the visa interview with a thorough understanding of their travel plans and logistics, and should be prepared to demonstrate “strong ties” to their home country. [Click here](#) for more information

**Step Four: Inform Us of Problems as Early as Possible**

Should you encounter any problems in the visa application process, please contact ANSI as soon as possible. Neither ANSI nor the issuer of your invitation letter has the authority to influence consular decisions. However, we may be able to advise you on additional steps you may be able to take, or otherwise be of assistance.

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