

International Services

ASHG Recommends

- Start early: for ASHG 2025 as soon as possible so that your customized letter of invitation can be generated. Registration opens in June!
- Apply for your visa four (4) to six (6) months before traveling. You should provide your
 entire trip itinerary, including travel to any countries other than the United States, at the
 time of visa application.
- If completing your travel plans is contingent upon early approval of the visa application, specify this at the time of the application.
- Provide proof of scientific status (e.g., proof that you submitted an abstract for the
 meeting). Do not wait until you receive notification that your abstract submission has
 been accepted before applying for a visa. If your abstract presents new information and
 follows the rules and guidelines, it will most likely be accepted and programmed.
- Bring your English-language resume or CV with a list of published articles and research topics to the U.S. consulate/embassy interview.
- Provide evidence that you intend to return to your country of residence. This includes such information as:
 - family ties in current country of residence.
 - · property ownership.
 - · bank account.
 - employment contract or statement from an employer showing that your position will continue after the dates of travel.
- Requirements vary by passport-issuing country and citizenship (not merely residency). Some consulates may have backlogs in scheduling visa interviews, so you should first contact your local consulate to determine what the wait times are for visa interviews. Check the current list of visa interview and processing wait times by country.