

Frequently Asked Questions for those seeking a visa to attend the AACR Annual Meeting

Individuals Outside of the U.S. Attending the Annual Meeting

The AACR welcomes the international cancer research community to the AACR Annual Meeting. If you hold a passport from a country outside of the United States, you may require a visa to enter the United States to attend the Annual Meeting. To determine whether you require a visa, please check with your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate to review the current regulations for travel to the United States. Below you will find some Frequently Asked Questions regarding obtaining a visa to attend the Annual Meeting.

What type of support does the AACR provide with obtaining visa for travel to the Annual Meeting?

The AACR provides a letter of support for visa application for registered attendees. Once you register, you can obtain this letter through the AACR Annual Meeting registration system. We recommend that you take the letter of support and your registration confirmation to your visa appointment. You are responsible for all other visa application materials (including but not limited to: completed DS-160, ensuring you have at least 6 months of validity on your passport beyond the period you plan to stay in the U.S., and documentation of ties to your home country).

The AACR offers letters with additional information for abstract presenters, speakers, or award recipients. If you are an abstract presenter, speaker, or award recipient seeking a visa, please contact programs@aacr.org to request a letter with the details of your participation in the Annual Meeting.

Please note that the AACR is unable to provide visa support letters for those who are not registered for the Annual Meeting.

When should I apply for my visa to attend the AACR Annual Meeting?

U.S. Embassies and Consulates currently have extremely long wait times for visa appointments. With these significant delays, we recommend that you apply for a visa as early as possible to increase your chances of securing a visa appointment. Under typical wait times, we recommend that at a minimum you apply for your visa at least four months in advance. Each embassy or consulate has different appointment wait times, please check with your local U.S. embassy or consulate to determine the current visa appointment wait time.

If you are applying for a visa in a country outside of your home country, please be advised that you may experience increased wait times. When possible, it is recommended to apply for a visa at an embassy/consulate in your home country.

Can I seek a refund for my registration if I am not able to obtain my visa in time for the meeting?

Yes, we will work with registrants on a case-by-case basis to refund registration in the event that you cannot obtain a visa in time for the meeting. We will need documentation of your attempts to secure a visa appointment and requests will only be accepted up until one week before the Annual Meeting (April 7, 2023). Any requests made after April 7, 2023 will not be able to be processed. Please direct all inquiries to internationalaffairs@aacr.org.