

International Students

Important Message for Individuals Who Will Require a Visa to Enter the U.S.

Participants who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents require a U.S. visa to enter the U.S. In general, the Office of International Services (OIS) advises participants to apply for the B1/B2 visa for entry to the U.S. as a tourist. Participants will be provided with a letter of invitation to use to procure a visa stamp at a U.S. consulate abroad or to apply for admission to the U.S. if the participant is eligible for the visa waiver program. This option is NOT available to individuals who will be funded by a U.S. institution or organization. When U.S. funding is involved, the J1 Short Term Scholar visa is most appropriate. If you will be funded by an institution or organization in the U.S., please contact the Summer Institute Coordinator for the J1 Visa Application Form.

NOTE: Internet MPH students who are participating in the Institutes must apply for F-1 student visas. Exceptions are made only on a case-by-case basis.

It can take several months to secure the appropriate visa stamp to enter the United States, so please plan accordingly. Specifically, individuals who will require F1 or J1 visas must submit all required documentation to the JHSPH 90 days in advance.

For more information, please visit the [Office of International Services'](#) website.