



B-1/B-2 Visitor Visa Requirements for International Applicants WCATY Summer Programs, UW-Madison

STEP 1: What do you need to know as an international applicant when applying for a WCATY Summer Program at the UW-Madison?

The University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) have determined that WCATY Summer Programs at the UW-Madison are programs that require B-1/B-2 visitor visa for any non-US citizen or non-permanent resident. International student applicants are strongly encouraged to submit program application materials early and no later than **April 14, 2017**. This will allow you to have 8-10 weeks after admission to the program for scheduling a visa interview in US Embassy and securing a visitor visa.

STEP 2: What do you do after submitting a full application for a WCATY Summer Program?

After receiving program acceptance package, it is the personal responsibility of each international applicant to secure a B-1/B-2 visa in the US Embassy.

WCATY program acceptance package will be emailed to students within two weeks of submitting a full application package. It will include a letter of acceptance, timeline for program preparation, as well as a letter of support from WCATY detailing plans of your visit and participation in the summer program. We recommend printing out these materials and bringing them among other supporting documents to your visa interview at the US Embassy.

The UW-Madison cannot advise students on visa procedures or eligibility.

Please review the detailed visa application procedures directly on the website of the US Department of State: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/visit/visitor.html>

Because the rules for scheduling visa appointments are different for different countries, it is important that you contact the embassy directly in your home country. For a listing of US Embassies, please visit: <http://www.usembassy.gov/europe.html>

STEP 3: What should you do after securing B1/B2 visa?

Please send a copy of the first page of your international passport along with a copy of your B1/B2 visa page to WCATY at wcaty@education.wisc.edu at the latest two weeks before your trip to the program. Additional WCATY program preparation materials will be sent out electronically one month before WCATY Summer program start.

I have read the guidelines above and agree to follow them. I understand that it is the student applicant's responsibility to comply with all US government rules regarding the process for obtaining the B1-/B-2 visitor visa. I understand that UW-Madison is not responsible for an accepted student's inability to secure a visitor visa. I understand that the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the port-of-entry have authority to permit or deny admission to the United States and will hold the UW-Madison harmless of inability to enter the U.S.

Student Name and Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian/School Representative Signature: _____ **Date:** _____