

Checklist: Application for a B Visa At the U.S. Port of Entry

An international scholar applying for a B visa at the U.S. Embassy/Consulate will need to present the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Invitation Letter | Provided by SISS at UCSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Department Letter | This is to support your B visa application, describing purpose of visit and intended length of stay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa support Letter | Provided by SISS addressed to U.S. Embassy/Consulate and U.S. Dept of Homeland Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial support documents | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of residence abroad and intent to return | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passport (valid) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form DS-156 | "Nonimmigrant Visa Application" available at the Consulate office or the Department of State website:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi_forms.html |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form DS-157 | "Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application" if the applicant is male and between the ages of 16 and 45 available at the Consulate office or the Department of State website:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi_forms.html |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two photos | 1 and ½ inches square (37 x 37 mm) showing full face, without any head-covering, against light background |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MRV Fee | Machine Readable Visa, currently \$100 USD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visa reciprocity fee | May be required by home country. For more information, please visit
http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm |

IN ADDITION:

- Before visiting, contact the U.S. embassy/consulate in home country where you are planning to apply for the visa. You may visit their website or call them by phone to receive specific information on appointment wait times and additional B visa application requirements and procedures.

Website: **<http://usembassy.state.gov>**