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# Visa Interview Tips

## *Making your interview successful*

Request your letter of invitation and make your appointment for a visa interview early. Wait times for a visa interview appointment vary and can be several weeks or more, especially during peak travel periods. With this in mind, we strongly urge you to place your request for a letter of invitation to attend CES 2018 as soon as possible. These helpful tips may make your visa interview process easier.

**Request a letter of invitation from CES beginning September 6, 2017 by visiting [CES.tech](http://CES.tech) and completing your registration.** You may request the letter of invitation during the CES 2018 registration process, but the letter won't be issued until your registration is complete and approved. During the registration process, you may request that the visa letter of invitation be sent electronically, mailed or both.

- **Reminder:** You will be required to complete all information requested during the CES 2018 registration process to receive your visa letter of invitation. Be sure to review our special features and [new registration requirements](#) for CES 2018.

**Schedule an appointment with your U.S. Embassy or Consulate as soon as you receive your visa letter of invitation.** Make your appointment early as wait times can be long in some countries. Check the [estimated wait time](#) at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

**How to apply:** There are several steps to apply for a visa. The order of these steps and how you complete them may vary. Please consult the instructions available on the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate website](#) where you will apply.

**Travel with an official U.S. Embassy or Consulate Delegation.** Traveling with a delegation organized by your local U.S. Embassy or Consultant may improve your chances of receiving visa approval. Many U.S. Embassies or Consulates organize official delegations through their commercial sections. If you are interested in joining a delegation, [contact your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) and ask if the Commercial Trade Specialist is organizing a delegation.

**Verify fees and requirements:** Find out about [fees for visa services](#) and the methods of payment accepted by the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

**Show proof of “strong ties” that bind you to your country of residence.** The Consular Officers conducting visa interviews look for proof that you will return to your country. Evidence of “strong ties” includes proof of business ownership or employment, social and family relationships.

**If you have traveled to the U.S. previously, provide documentation demonstrating you returned to your country on time.** Show proof that you returned within the timeframe you stated. For example, use an airline ticket stub/boarding pass that shows your return flight or meeting materials that show you attended a business conference.

**With your application, include any materials CES 2018 may have sent you.** Include with your application any printed or electronic event materials you receive from CES 2018 to prove the tradeshow is a legitimate business event.

### Important Dates

#### **CES® 2018**

Tuesday, January 9 – Friday, January 12, 2018

#### **Attendee Registration Opens:**

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

#### **Exhibitor Registration Opens:**

Thursday, September 14, 2017

### Helpful Websites

For up-to-date information on CES 2018:

[www.CES.tech](http://www.CES.tech)

For more information on obtaining a visa:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>

To locate the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate:

<http://www.usembassy.gov/>