CANADIAN IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

Determine if you need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or Temporary Resident Visa (visitor visa) (TRV) to enter Canada at

https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

CLICK HERE if you need an eTA

CLICK HERE if you need a TRV

Additional Information

Information on why you may not be admitted to Canada

Additional Immigration Guidance

IF YOU NEED AN ETA

Apply at https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html

You will need:

- 1. Valid Passport
- 2. Valid email address
- 3. Acceptable Payment Method (Visa, Mastercard, American Express (standard or prepaid), Visa Debit or Mastercard Debit, UnionPay or JCB card.

The eTA costs \$7 CAD.

Most applications are approved within minutes. If additional documents are needed, an email will be sent to you within 72 hours.

IF YOU NEED A TRV (VISITOR VISA)

You must:

- Have a valid travel document (such as a passport)
- Be in good health
- Have no criminal or immigration-related convictions
- Convince an immigration officer that you have ties—such as a job, home, financial assets or family—that will take you back to your home country
- · Convince an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your visit
- Have enough money for your stay
- Have a letter of invitation

FMA will provide your letter of invitation. Please send:

- 1. Name as it appears on passport
- 2. Company/Organization
- 3. Date of Birth
- 4. Passport Country of Issuance
- 5. Passport Number
- 6. Street Address
- 7. Citv:
- 8. State/Province:
- 9. ZIP/Postal Code
- 10. Country
- 11. Hotel/other housing reservation confirmation

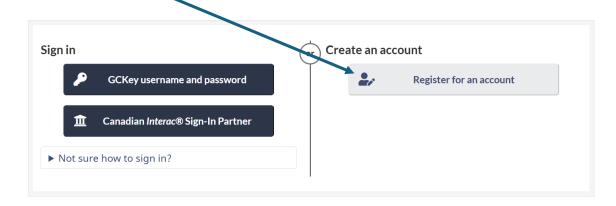
to bsn-orleans@usf.edu.

Please Note: You must be registered for the conference to receive a letter of invitation. If you have not registered, <u>please click here.</u> You must also provide your hotel reservation information and confirmation number.

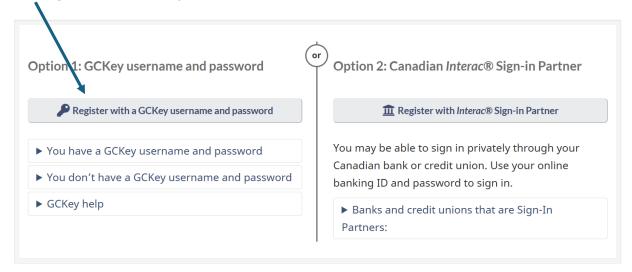
Invitation letters are typically issued within 24 – 48 hours of request (Monday – Friday).

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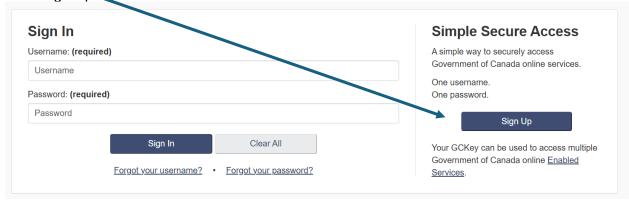
Create an account at https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/account.html
Click Register for an account



Click Register with a GCKey username and password



Click Sign Up



Once the application process is completed and you have logged into your account, scroll down and select **Apply to Come to Canada**

Apply to come to Canada

Includes applications for visitor visas, work and study permits, Express Entry and International Experience Canada. You will need your personal reference code if you have one.

Scroll down, click **Visitor visa, study and/or work permit** under I do not have a Personal Reference Code

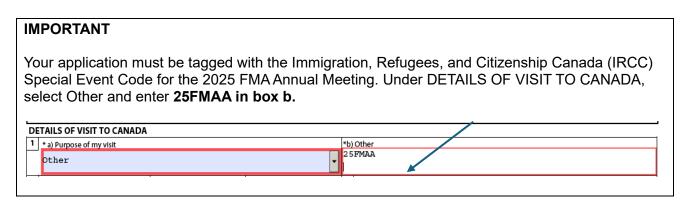


Complete the Questionnaire to determine your eligibility for a TRV.

You will receive a checklist of items required for your application. You **MUST** provide each item on the checklist.

The first item is the application for Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa) Made Outside of Canada (IMM5257) (required). Click the document name to download and complete this form.

Application Form(s) Application Form(s) Details Document name Application for Visitor Visa (Temporary Resident Visa) Made Outside of Canada (IMM5257) (required) Upload file



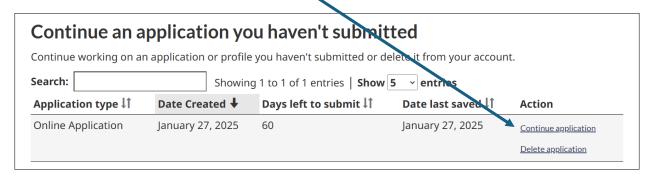
Other items that must be uploaded are:

- Family Information Form (IMM57070)
- Travel History
- Passport
- Invitation Letter
- Proof of Means of Financial Support
- Digital Photo

Once Form IMM5257 has been completed, click Validate at the bottom of the form.



Once your form is validated, save it to your computer, log into your IRCC account and upload the completed form by clicking **Continue application**



Special Information on Biometrics

You may be required to provide biometrics (fingerprints and photo) for your application. Click https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp to determine if biometrics are required. The biometrics fee is \$85 CAD.

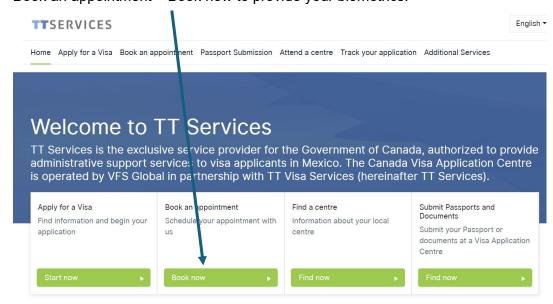
If biometrics are required, you will receive a Biometric Instruction Letter (BIL) from IRCC.

There are 4 things you need to know:

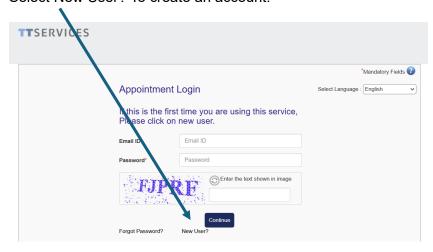
- 1. You must provide your biometrics in person.
- 2. You need to make an appointment to provide your biometrics.
- a. Walk-in or emergency appointments may be accommodated, but booking ahead is best.
- b. Booking an appointment is **free**.
- 3. Book your appointment as soon as you get your BIL.
- 4. To avoid fraud, use the link below to find your local visa application centre:

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/biometrics/where-to-give.html

Once you have selected your city, you will be forwarded to the VAC Centre's website. Select Book an appointment – Book now to provide your biometrics.



Select New User? To create an account.



Important: Do not book appointments for biometric collection until you receive your Biometric Instruction Letter (BIL) from IRCC. If you do book an appointment, and do not receive your letter by your appointment date/time, please cancel your appointment.

Applicants must book their appointment within the validity of the Biometrics Instruction Letter (BIL). Biometrics will not be collected if the BIL has expired. Please contact IRCC via webform if you have any queries or concerns on BILs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Once your application has been completed, you must send your:

- First name and last name as they appear on your passport
- Passport country of issuance
- Visa application number

to bsn-orleans@usf.edu.

FMA is required to provide verification information for all visa applications to the Government of Canada.

You can log into your IRCC account at any time to track the status of your application.

If your application is approved and you applied online, you will receive a letter in your IRCC account with instructions on how to submit your passport.

If your application is approved and you submitted a paper application, your passport with the visa will be returned to you.