**Visas**

We strongly recommend that you begin the application for a visa immediately (even if you are still awaiting approval of funding for tuition and travel to attend the Institute).

Participants should apply for a Business Visitor Visa (B-1). **DO NOT APPLY FOR A, J, F, OR M VISA.**

Contact the United States Embassy located in your country to learn about visa requirements. The visa application procedure often takes a long time to complete. Applicants who were fully funded have been unable to attend the Institute because of delays in securing visa approval. Our recommendation is, “Start early!”

For participants who need a visa to travel to the United States, more information is available at the following site:

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

Participants traveling to the United States on behalf of their national government to engage solely in official activities for that government may qualify for a Diplomatic Visa. Please see the site below for additional information:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/other-visa-categories/visas-diplomats.html>