



## International Participants at PIMS

### Obtaining a Visa:

If you require a visa to attend this PIMS event, you can find relevant information about the application process from Immigration Canada at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-who.asp>

### Apply for your Visa well in advance of your travel:

- Review your visa status, and find out if you need to renew your travel document or obtain a Canadian visa.
- Review the visa wait times information for interview appointments and visa processing at each Canadian embassy and consular section: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/times/temp.asp>
- Plan on an interview at the embassy or consulate, which is required for most visa applicants. As part of the visa interview, quick inkless fingerprint scans should be expected. Some visa applications require additional administrative processing, which requires some additional time. Applicants will be advised of this when they apply.

### Letter of Invitation:

If you require a letter of invitation from PIMS, please submit an email to [ruths@pims.math.ca](mailto:ruths@pims.math.ca).

At least **one** of the following criteria must be met by the requesting party in order to honor the request for a letter of invitation:

- If they are either a committee member, speaker or presenter
- Be an author of an accepted abstract and/or paper.
- That the requester has paid the required registration fee in full; and the payment has been verified.

Visa letters will state only the facts: Conference title, dates, location and any financial obligations PIMS undertakes towards the participant's visit.

Please allow up to 2 business days to process the document.