

## International Participants at PIMS-UBC

### Obtaining a Visa:

If you require a visa to attend a PIMS –UBC 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.
- Effective **November 10, 2016**, citizens from [visa-exempt countries](#) (except for the United States) will require an [Electronic Travel Authorization](#) (eTA) when flying to Canada.

### 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) and let us know your application file number (provided by CIC once you have submitted your application). The following criteria must be met by the requesting party in order to honor the request for a letter of invitation:

- You must be an organizing committee member, plenary speaker or invited presenter

#### And

- Your registration fee must be paid in full (if needed) and that the payment has been verified by the credit card company on which the payment was made (this can take up between 5 and 21 business days)

*\*\*Self-funded participants will be required to show an itinerary or purchase of travel tickets to and from Vancouver, accommodation reservations and proof of registration at the event.*

Visa letters will state only the facts: Conference title, dates, location and any financial obligations PIMS undertakes towards the participant's visit. Spouses or partners accompanying invited participants are responsible for their own documentation.

Please allow up to 5 business days to process the document, which will be sent to you as an e-document.