

VISA APPLICATION GUIDANCE

DO I NEED A UK VISA?

To check if you need a visa, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

When prompted, select '**Tourism, including visiting friends or family**' as the reason for travel.

WHAT TYPE OF VISA DO I NEED?

If you require a visa, you must apply for a **Standard Visitor visa**.

You can apply online here: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/apply>

Further information about the visa can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

- You can apply up to 3 months before your travel date.
- We recommend you start your application **as early as possible**.

To check visa processing times for your country, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times>

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Please refer to the official website above for the most up to date visa fees.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO PROVIDE WITH MY APPLICATION?

You will need to provide the following:

- Your planned travel dates
- Details of your accommodation in the UK
- Estimated cost of your trip
- Your current home address and how long you have lived there
- Your parents' names and dates of birth (if known)
- Your annual income (if applicable)
- Details of any criminal, civil, or immigration offences

You may also need:

- Travel history for the past 10 years
- Your employer's address and telephone number
- Your partner's name, date of birth, and passport number
- Details of anyone funding your trip
- Details of any family members you have in the UK

For full guidance on supporting documents please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor>

CAN YOU PROVIDE A LETTER TO SUPPORT MY APPLICATION?

Yes. We can provide **one visa support letter per team** to support visa applications.

Before requesting a letter

Before submitting a request, you must:

1. Submit your official onsite team list

Your onsite team list must be fully complete and emailed to uaschallenge@imeche.org using the official UAS Challenge team template. Maximum of 8 team members plus academic lead.

2. Complete the Visa Support Letter Form

The names provided in the form must exactly match the information on your submitted onsite team list.

The required details are:

- Full name (exactly as shown in passport)
- Passport number
- Passport expiry date
- Date of birth
- University name and address
- Team name

⚠ The details provided must match your passport exactly. These details will be included on the visa support letter.

How to request a letter

Once you have completed your Visa Support Form, please email it through to uaschallenge@imeche.org.

Please allow **14 working days** for processing.

⚠ IMPORTANT NOTICE ⚠

- We will only provide **one visa support letter per team**.
- We will only provide a visa support letter for teams that have paid in full.
- We are unable to offer any refunds if visa applications are rejected.
- Visa support letters will only be issued for participants attending the competition onsite.
- If needed, we can include two additional people on the visa support letter. For example, these can be team member substitutes, or an additional chaperone. Please note any additional people will not be allowed onsite. Please include their information on the Visa Letter Support Template.
- Each participant is fully responsible for his or her own visa application.
- Our support is limited to the provision of a visa support letter.
- We are not responsible for visa refusals, delays, or lost applications.
- The information provided will only be used to generate your visa support letter and will not be shared with third parties.

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DATA TEMPLATE**

**DOWNLOAD VISA LETTER
SUPPORT TEMPLATE**