Before you apply for an ISOC Fellowship to the IETF

The Internet Society is happy to hear that you are thinking of applying for an ISOC Fellowship to the IETF! Before you apply, please make sure that you can meet the following four criteria:

1. You can get permission for time away from your studies or work.
2. The country that issued your passport has diplomatic relations with the host country (country where meeting will be held).
3. You can obtain the required visa through an embassy located in in the country where you live.
4. You can expect to have all your documents – visa, passport, and student/guest worker papers (if applicable) – in appropriate condition and in your hands by the deadline date for documents, as shown in the following table:

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To find out if you can meet the four criteria mentioned above by the deadline date for documents, please go through the Self-Assessment Checklist (below), taking into consideration the details about embassies, passports, visas that you learn from qualified websites such as these:

Embassies:

Visas:

**SELF-ASSessment checklist**

*In order to determine for which meeting or meetings you are eligible to apply, please complete the following Self- Assessment Checklist once for EACH meeting.*

1. Are you confident that you can get permission for time away from your studies or work so you can attend the meeting? □ Yes □ No

2. Does the country that issued the passport on which you would travel have diplomatic relations with the host country (country where the meeting will be held)? □ Yes □ No
3. If you need a visa to travel to the meeting, can you obtain a visa through an embassy or consulate located in the country where you currently live? □ □

4. If you need to renew or replace your passport, can you do so before the deadline date for documents (shown in the table above)? □ □

You will need to renew or replace your passport, if:
--- Your passport does not reflect the name and address you will have when you travel to the meeting.
--- The expiration date of your passport is not long enough after the last day of the meeting, per host country requirements.
--- There are too few blank pages in your passport, per host country requirements.
--- Your passport is not in good condition, for example, has missing pages, watermarks, or tears.

To estimate how long it may take to renew or replace your passport, consider:
--- How long it generally takes to renew a passport or get a new one.
--- Government holidays (when offices are closed).
--- Your schedule, including your travel schedule (when your passport may not be available).
--- The time it may take to travel to and from the passport issuing office.

5. If you need a visa to travel to the meeting, can you get a visa in your hands by the deadline date for documents (shown in the table above)? □ □

Please consider:
--- Visa processing time for applying in person or by post, if that’s an option.
--- Embassy holidays when offices are closed.
--- Your schedule, including your travel schedule, when your passport may not be available.
--- The time it may take to travel to and from the embassy located in the country where you live.

6. If applicable, are your student and/or guest worker papers in appropriate condition and usable for a trip to and from the meeting? □ □

Please consider:
--- Expiration date acceptable, per the embassy requirements.
--- Papers in good condition – no watermarks, tears, etc.
--- Restrictions on travel that may be imposed by student or guest worker status.

7. For travel to and from the meeting, can you find a reasonable itinerary that does not require a transit visa (or a full visa in the case of transiting through the United States)?

What do your answers to the Self-Assessment Checklist mean?

➢ If you answered YES to all of the questions (that are applicable to your situation), please apply for an ISOC Fellowship to the IETF for that meeting.

➢ If you answered NO to one or more of the questions (that are applicable to your situation), please do not apply for a Fellowship to that particular meeting. However, please look ahead to future IETF meetings <https://www.ietf.org/meeting/upcoming.html> and find the meeting for which you could answer YES to all the Checklist questions, and then when the application period for that meeting is open, please apply!

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