



WISE 2002: Workshop on Information Systems and Economics

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General Travel Visa Notice: Re-Entry Visas for Non US Citizens

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Visa information for WISE 2002 participants traveling from the United States:

This document is intended to provide guidance for those residents of the United States who wish to travel to Barcelona to participate in the 2002 Workshop on Information Systems and Economics that is taking place December 14-15. Due to recent changes in US immigration regulations (related to terrorist events), travel to and from the United States and Europe has become significantly more complicated.

- If you **hold a United States or European Union passport or are a permanent resident of the USA**, you should have no difficulty in traveling to and from Barcelona.
- If you **are currently in the USA as a non-immigrant and have a valid visa stamp** in your (F1, H1, J1) passport that allows multiple entries into the United States and will remain valid until after the conference, you should be able to return to the U.S. from Barcelona without difficulty. Please contact your Spanish Consulate (links to consulates are at the [Spanish Embassy](http://www.spainemb.org/ingles/indexing.htm) web site at www.spainemb.org/ingles/indexing.htm) to find out if you need to obtain a visa to enter Spain (visit Barcelona).

The rest of this document applies only to U.S. residents who hold an expired visa or a one-entry visa.

- If you **hold a visa that has expired or allowed you only one entry to the United States**, you will face significant difficulty in returning the U.S. after the conference. Consequently, we recommend that you do not attend WISE 2002. However, if you hold a student visa and would like to attend anyway, we can provide the following guidance to try to facilitate your return to the U.S.
- For **holders of expired or one-entry student visas**, the U.S. [consulate](http://www.embusa.es/barcelonaen.html) in Barcelona, www.embusa.es/barcelonaen.html, can agree ahead of time to review your application for a new visa to return to the U.S. For those applications that the U.S. consulate in Barcelona agrees to review, the **process is taking twenty working days or more to issue return visas to the U.S.** (and there is a probability that they will deny re-entry to the U.S.) Note that the twenty-day review period begins after arrival in Barcelona. **If you wish to have an application for re-entry considered, please make arrangements with Geoffrey Parker by October 31.** Parker will forward all of these requests to the U.S. consul in Barcelona at the same time. Each student should provide a letter from their advisor stating that the advisor recommends that the student attend WISE 2002 and when the student plans to complete his/her PhD. Further, we will need documentation of current student status (a current transcript will suffice).
- **Prior to a student's departure**, Parker will notify the student whether or not the consulate has agreed to review the return visa application. Before departing the U.S., students should have the following documents in their possession:
 - An endorsed I-20 or IAP-66 from your international student adviser
 - A current transcript indicating full-time enrollment (student status)
 - Letter from advisor recommending participation in WISE 2002
 - Letter from advisor indicating future enrollment in the PhD program
 - Letter from advisor promising financial support (or bank statement indicating adequate resources).