



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Student Participants

What is the recommended print posters dimensions?

We recommend you bring your printed poster ---

- No larger than 4 feet wide x 2 feet tall OR 120 cm wide x 60 cm tall (A landscape orientation is required for the holders that the posters will be displayed on.
- A1 is used by England and Australia, and the dimensions are closer to 24" x 36" or 36" x 24" - so it's a smaller poster size than the dimensions above and therefore not an issue for our display needs.
- Posters MUST be brought to ISSF - printing will not be available.

What is the recommended formatting guidelines for my research presentation?

- We recommend students use either of these formats for their PowerPoint presentations: 16:9 or 4:3 (aspect ratio).

Do I need to submit my poster and presentation to IMSA in advance?

- Yes. IMSA is a member of the Digital Commons network. Through this network we share our curricular, presentations, activities, and event information with the world. We are including all ISSF 2018 posters and presentations in IMSA @DigitalCommons so they are easily and publicly available.

When/How do I submit my poster and presentation to IMSA?

- Please submit your posters and presentations by **Friday, June 22nd**.
- Create a [Digital Commons](#) account and upload your poster/presentations. The Instructions to do so are here: <http://bit.ly/2lgYJFG>
- For any questions about submitting your poster and/presentation email: Jean Bigger jean@imsa.edu

Can you tell me about the housing situation?

- You will be staying in one of our on-campus residence halls, 1505 for males and 1506 for females. We will be placing two people of the same sex in each room. Linens (sheets & blankets), pillows, towels will all be provided for you.

What is the internet access like?

- You will have access to our network 24/7 while you are here. You will receive the Wifi name and password on arrival. There is not a guarantee of internet access off-campus.

How do I get cash?

- We have a small ATM on campus and you could also walk to a local bank. Almost everywhere you may need money will take credit/debit card.

What is the weather like?

- The temperature during the day can be between 80-100 degrees (26-37 Celsius) on average. In the evening it can cool down into the low 70's. (21-22 Celsius) It often rains/downpours during our summers for short periods of time. It can also be quite humid during the summers here. It is recommended that you bring an umbrella and sunscreen. For the latest in daily weather updates see: <https://goo.gl/J27hMv>

What to wear?

- We will be providing you an ISSF shirt to wear during all day on Friday. During the poster session and presentation times we ask that everyone wear business attire/school uniform. On the final day we will be going to the Museum of Science and Industry for dinner and closing, attire should be business attire/school uniform. Aside from those events there is a lot of time that is more casual. Our academic building is air conditioned and can often get a bit chilly, so most students and staff often wear layers or have a light fleece in case they need it. For the field trips on Friday afternoon to Argonne National Laboratory you will need to wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, and your ISSF shirts.

Who do we contact in case of emergency in the evening?

- Each student residence hall has at least 2 adults who are staying overnight in the buildings and will be there to supervise your students and help in case of emergency. The residence hall housing the adults also has a residence counselor staying in the building. We also have security officers on our campus 24 hours a day 7 days a week who do rounds throughout campus regularly. You will be given the emergency numbers when you arrive to campus.

CAMPUS SECURITY Emergency: 630.907.5042 Non Emergency: 630.907.5002
OFF-CAMPUS EMERGENCY: 911

What if I need to make an international call while I am visiting the US?

- *Calling from a landline* --- To call a phone in another country from a landline telephone in the US, dial 011, and then the code for the country you are calling, the area or city code, and the phone number. For example, if you are trying to call someone in Brazil (country code 55), in the city of Rio de Janeiro (city code 21), you would dial 011 - 55 - 21 - XXXX-XXXX. Here is a tool to help you identify the correct number to dial internationally: <https://countrycode.org/how-to-call>
- *Calling from a mobile or cell phone* --- Most mobile phones and smartphones have the "+" sign on the same key as "0". To call internationally from most mobile or smartphones simply dial the "+" sign, followed by the country code, city code and local phone number. For example, if you are trying to call someone in Brazil (country code 55), in the city of Rio de Janeiro (city code 21), you would dial "+" - 55

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Is there a nurse/medical professional available?

- We do have a nurse's office and a nurse will be staffing it every day during specific hours that will be posted when you arrive. Due to the differences in medications internationally we ask that the students and chaperones be responsible for their own medications. Our nurse can help provide general assistance. There will be general first aid kits in each residence hall and along with every field trip. We recommend bringing some common over the counter medications, specifically allergy medication as allergies can be affected differently when going to a new environment.

Are we allowed to leave campus during ISSF?

- During ISSF we ask that the students do not leave campus unless as part of one of the scheduled activities we have arranged for you. We will have a couple of trips to our local grocery store (Woodman's) and a general store that sells a wide variety of items (Target) during the week and you can sign up for those if they have forgotten something or wish to purchase something to bring home.

"We are looking forward to the adventures we'll have and memories we'll make at ISSF. We're beyond excited to meet you."

IMSA Student Volunteers
