

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can I complete the conference registration form?

Registration form should be completed ahead of all other actions.

2. When is registration payment due?

Payment of the \$395 conference fee is due immediately upon submitting your registration form.

3. I am a business leader. Can I attend this conference or it is for lecturers and professors only?

Wide range of participants can attend. This is a professional conference and there will be break-out sessions, which will allow researchers, professors, lecturers and others in academia to attend or present papers, separate from business leaders and politicians.

4. When should I apply for US visa since I will be coming from overseas?

Appointment time at the respective US embassies in various countries are controlled by the embassies. So we advise that you submit your application to the US Embassy immediately after registering for the conference.

5. Does GoldenCRI obtain visas for participants?

No. Each participant should apply to the US Embassy in his/her respective country for visa.

6. What category of visa should I apply for?

Candidates should apply for B1/B2 visas (business/pleasure category). Many successful participants come to the conference and then spend a week or two thereafter (in Washington or other cities) for holidays.

7. Does GoldenCRI provide any support for visa application?

Yes. GoldenCRI will issue you a letter of invitation, which will be part of your visa application. We will also provide a link to the US Embassy in your respective countries that contains names of paid participants from that country.

8. Do I need to book hotel accommodation on my own?

Yes. GoldenCRI does not arrange hotel or transportation for participants. You will need to select and pay for hotel of your choice. It is a good idea to reserve your hotel accommodation at the conference center. Please see our main page for the address of the conference center and hotel links. We have provided a map of the Washington Metropolitan Area on the main page to help you understand the area.

9. Can I use my payment for either summer or winter conference?

Yes. You can apply your conference registration fee towards either summer (June) or winter (January) conference. <u>Conference registration fees are non-refundable</u> but your payment is valid for 12 calendar months. If you are unable to attend a particular conference for any reasons, you should submit a written request to attend the subsequent conference within 90 days of the scheduled conference.

10. What if I am refused visa?

As contained in the condition of service on the conference registration form, GoldenCRI is note a visa agent and we are not responsible for issuance or denial of visa applications. This is solely the duty of the US Embassy. However, if a candidate is denied

a visa for one conference, we will re-invite submit a request for a new invitation no later than three months before the conference immediately following the one you were denied visa for.

11. Is conference fee refundable?

No. <u>Conference fee and consulting fees are non-refundable.</u> As contained in the condition of service, conference registration fee is valid for 12 months from the date of payment and it is good for either January or June conference. Payment of the fee enables you to a free business consultation within the 12-month period. But the fees are non-refundable.

12. Where do I read about your Condition of Service?

Condition of Service is located on the bottom part of the application form. Please read the condition and you may also print a copy for your records.

13. What is digital access?

Digital Access is a username and password given to any candidate who is unable to attend this conference in person for any reasons. Such a candidate can request for this access by email and attend the conference live, online.

**For additional questions, please email us at info@goldencri.com or call +1-410-781-8254.

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