

May 29, 2024

Dear Attendees,

I am pleased to offer you an invitation as a Conference Attendee at the 26th annual Midwest Optimization Meeting & Workshop on Large Scale Optimization and Applications, hosted by the Department of Combinatorics & Optimization, Faculty of Mathematics, University of Waterloo. The dates of your visit are expected to be set for November 8, 2024, and ending on November 9, 2024.

For immigration purposes, you will be considered a Conference Attendee and will be employment authorization exempt under R186(k) of IRPR and no work permit will be required. It is understood that during your stay in Canada no financial assistance will be provided by the University of Waterloo as it relates to this visit.

Please be advised that any person who is not a Canadian Citizen, or who does not have Permanent Resident status in Canada, must secure permission from Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to perform any work or visit in Canada. This invitation is contingent upon such permissions. This permission is granted to you personally and the University cannot guarantee that it will be obtained. You are therefore advised to pursue the matter of permission (in writing, online or in person) with a Canadian embassy, high commission, consulate or Canadian Visa Application Centre (VAC) in your country of residence as soon as possible to determine if other documentation is required. At that time, you should have this letter of invitation from the University of Waterloo in your possession. In the event that formal permission is not presented to the University at the time of your arrival, the invitation may be withdrawn without further notice.

As your stay in Canada will be temporary, you will not be covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). If your stay in Waterloo will be for a duration of 3 weeks or greater, participation in the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is mandatory for you and any accompanying dependents (spouse/children). Please contact the Human Resources Department at hrhelp@uwaterloo.ca upon arrival to Waterloo to arrange an appointment to enroll in UHIP as soon as possible. If your stay in Canada is for a period less than 3 weeks, proof of "Out-of Country" coverage under your medical insurance plan in your country of residence may be asked to be provided upon entry to Canada. If you do not have "Out-of Country" coverage, you may purchase medical insurance as a visitor to Canada.

Should you have any questions concerning your visit to the University, please communicate directly with Professor Henry Wolkowicz.

Sincerely,

Chaitanya Swamy, Chair,
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