

BABSON COLLEGE

Glavin Office of
International Education

Invitation Letters

A letter of invitation from Babson College is not necessary when your friends or family members need to apply for a U.S. tourist visa. A College-issued invitation letter is likely to be disregarded by the visa officer because it has no bearing on the application.

The [U.S. Department of State](#) has stated,

“Visa applicants must qualify based on their ties abroad/to their home country, rather than assurances from U.S. family and friends. A letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support is not needed to apply for a visitor visa. If you choose to bring a letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support to your interview, please remember it is not one of the factors used in determining whether to issue or deny the visa.”

If you choose, you may write your own invitation letter (in English) for those who plan to visit you in the U.S. We have provided a template below.

If your invited guests are traveling to the U.S. to attend your graduation ceremony, you may consider providing them with other types of supporting documentation including:

- [Commencement ceremony information](#) (updated annually ahead of Commencement)
- [Letter of enrollment](#) (from the Registrar’s office)

Additional resources:

- [U.S. tourist visa information](#)
- [Visa waiver program and ESTA clearance](#)

[Date]

U.S. Department of State
U.S. Embassy **[City]**, Consular Section, Nonimmigrant Visas

To Whom It May Concern:

I, **[Student Name]** am a current **[graduate/undergraduate]** student at Babson College.

I wish to invite the following people listed below to **[purpose of visit, e.g. attend graduation, vacation]** for **[length of stay]** and would very much appreciate any assistance you are able to provide them in obtaining the appropriate U.S. visa.

Name

Citizenship

Relationship to Student

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Student Signature]

[Printed Student Name]