



Conference Update 1

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Coming In December...

- Call for Education Sessions
- Return of Conference Chats & Affinity Groups
- Visa Letter Request Form
- Exhibitor, Sponsorship, & Advertising Opportunities
- Register for the Counselor Bus Tour

[Renew your membership for 2025](#) to ensure you don't miss any conference news. Renew by **December 1** for advanced conference registration!

Conference Registration opens
March 12, 2025

Dear International ACAC Members,

Greetings from Boston! As your President-Elect and Conference Chair, I am very excited to share the first update regarding our annual conference which will be held at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

For me personally, last year's conference theme of "Welcome Home" would also be an appropriate theme for 2025, as Boston has been my professional home for nearly 14 years. I am looking forward to welcoming folks to the conference next July, which will be a time for rejuvenation and continuing to build the relationships that make this community so special.

As I was traveling earlier this year, I was reminded on a daily basis that the connections we have with one another allow us to excel in doing the work supporting students. Our professional relationships strengthen our resolve, spark new ideas, and create pathways for students to succeed. I'm happy to announce that the theme of the 2025 Conference will be **Stronger Together**, a celebration of the power we have collectively to work on behalf of our students.

This first update includes opportunities to get involved as a **Conference Volunteer** and details regarding the **registration timeline** and **conference costs**. Our second update next month will include more information on session proposals, sponsorship, and exhibitors, so stay tuned!

Sending warm wishes to everyone as we enter the final month of 2024!

Best wishes,

Liam

President-Elect, International ACAC

Associate Director of International Admissions, Boston University

Call for Conference Volunteers

Members are invited to consider contributing to the 2025 Conference by applying for a role on one of our Conference Volunteer Committees:

- Session Review & Selection
- Conference Chats Review & Selection
- College & Counselor Fairs
- Special Events/Service
- First-Timers'
- Sponsor & Exhibitor Support
- Bursary Review

Please [complete the brief application](#) by **December 16**. We thank all members in advance for their interest and look forward to filling these volunteer positions.

Pre-Conference Institute Faculty Applications Open

International ACAC members are [invited to apply](#) to serve as faculty for the 2025 Pre-Conference Institute, July 13 and 14, in advance of the 2025 Conference. Please note that Pre-Conference will be starting on Sunday afternoon, July 13, 2025. The schedule has been adjusted to allow attendees and faculty to attend Chatter that Matters and Affinity Group meetings on Tuesday morning.

Faculty members are needed for two streams: New Professional and Mid-Career. The topics of ethical practices and DEI will be integrated into both streams. The Pre-Conference Institute is intended to provide our membership the opportunity to learn from fellow International ACAC members in a more intimate environment. Interested International ACAC members can [submit a completed faculty application](#) no later than **January 31**.

Conference Website

Northeastern University is excited to welcome International ACAC members to Boston this July. **#StrongerTogether**

Learn more about Northeastern University, the city of Boston, and details about the 2025 Conference on [Northeastern's official conference website](#).

Registration Timeline and Conference Costs

The registration timeline, with conference costs included, can be found [here](#).

Please note that there is tiered pricing based on when you register, so be sure to register early to get the best rate! As a reminder, if you renew your membership by December 1, you will receive advance notice of conference registration.

Visa Letter Requests

The form to request an invitation letter to the 2025 Conference to support your visa application is now open. Visa processing can take several months, so be sure to start

your visa application as soon as possible.

[Request an invitation letter for the 2025 Conference](#)

For more information about the U.S. Visa Process, please consult the following resources:

- Use the [Visa Wizard](#) to determine whether you need a visa to travel to the USA.
- Learn more about the [Visitor Visa B and Visa Waiver Program](#).
- Look up the [U.S. Consulate of Embassy nearest you](#).

Bursary Applications

International ACAC offers Conference Bursaries to encourage member participation in the Annual Conference. The goal is to support members who work at schools or universities that typically do not fully finance attendance for these conferences, as well as independent counseling members and non-profit members.

Conference Bursaries may cover part or all of the cost of Early Bird registration fees and on-campus housing. Bursaries do not cover other travel expenses such as flights, visa fees, ground transportation, or other incidentals.

[2025 Conference Bursary Application](#)

The deadline to apply is **January 13**. Notifications of awards will be sent in early February.

Conference Schedule

The initial schedule for the 2025 Conference is now available. [Find it here!](#)