

# 2026 S-STEM Scholars & PI Meeting

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Travel Booking

#### How do I book my flight or train travel to the meeting?

After registration has closed, scholars and travel awardees will receive an email that includes detailed instructions on how to contact our travel agency to book your flight or train ticket. Due to the large number of meeting participants, we are staggering the release of the invitation to book travel. You should receive this email by June 12.

#### When is the deadline to book my travel for the meeting?

**Scholars & travel awardees: 8:00 p.m. ET on June 30, 2026**

**PIs booking their own travel:** You're encouraged to book as soon as possible. Details regarding hotel accommodations can be found on meeting website.

#### Can I travel with other attendees from my institution?

We encourage attendees from the same institution to travel together. **Selected scholars and travel awardees will need to call the travel agency together.** Your group can work with the same agent at the same time who can search for flights for each of you during this one call. If members of your group call the travel agency separately at different times, it is less likely that you will end up on the same flight or train.

PIs booking their own travel may also use our travel agency, but travel costs and associated fees will need to be charged to a personal credit card.

#### Can I drive to the meeting?

Driving to the meeting is an option, but all drivers and passengers will need to complete a driving request form by **June 30** for approval to drive. Please see our FAQ on Driving to the Meeting for more information.

#### How do I book my hotel?

AAAS staff will book your hotel room for you at one of the meeting hotels after you have arranged your air/train travel. You will receive a hotel confirmation emailed to you about a month before the meeting.

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### As an attendee, do I get my own hotel room?

Yes. Scholars and travel awardees will each have a private hotel room booked for them.

### What do I need at check-in?

When you check into the hotel at the front desk, you will need to provide valid photo identification (such as a driver's license). You may be asked to provide a personal credit card to cover any hotel room incidental expenses not included in the room rate. Hotel room incidentals will NOT be covered by AAAS (such as room service, in-room movies or calls, in-room bottled water or mini-bar snacks, business center services, etc.).

### Can a friend or family member travel with me?

Yes, a friend or family member can travel with you and stay in your hotel room. You can also call the travel agency with your guest to make sure you are booked on the same flight/train. However, costs for your guest's travel and meals will not be covered and they will not be able to participate in the meeting. However, if you are presenting a poster your guest can briefly stop by during your poster presentation time slot to see you present.

### Can I arrive a day or two earlier than the meeting starts or leave a day or two after the meeting ends to do some sightseeing on my own?

You are welcome to come to arrive earlier or stay longer, however you are responsible for paying any difference in airline/train ticket cost between traveling on your desired dates versus traveling on the meeting dates. You are also responsible for paying for your additional hotel room nights and covering all expenses for meals on days prior to or beyond the meeting.