

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the 2016 RESULTS International Conference?

The RESULTS International Conference is a hands-on advocacy event held in Washington, DC every summer. The conference is a chance for advocates of all levels and backgrounds to use their voices to change the world. Conference participants spend three days hearing from leading experts, learning new skills, and meeting fellow advocates committed to the end of poverty. Then they put their skills into action, taking their message straight to Capitol Hill.

The conference agenda ranges from informative sessions on critical poverty issues to skill-building workshops on community organizing and working with the media. Attendees will connect with a community of advocates from nearly two dozen countries and across the United States. On the final day of the conference, participants head to Capitol Hill and the World Bank to meet face-to-face with policymakers, advancing a shared vision of a country and a world free from poverty.

2. When and where is the event?

The 2016 RESULTS International Conference takes place on June 25–28, 2016 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC.

3. How do I register?

To register for the conference, please visit www.resultsconference.org and click the “Register Now” button.

4. Which registration type should I enter?

- **Standard rate:** \$225 early bird discount (ends on April 30), \$275 regular

The standard registration rate applies to all individuals who will attend for the full duration of the conference and do not qualify as active RESULTS volunteers, RESULTS affiliate (UK, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and Japan) volunteers, or REAL Change Fellows.

- **RESULTS volunteer rate:** \$125 early bird discount (ends on April 30), \$175 regular

The volunteer registration rate applies to all active RESULTS volunteers who will attend for the full duration of the conference. To qualify for the RESULTS volunteer rate, you must have participated in a RESULTS-related advocacy action or attended a RESULTS meeting in the last 3 months.

- **RESULTS international volunteer rate:** \$125 early bird discount (ends on April 30), \$175 regular

The volunteer registration rate applies to all active RESULTS international affiliate (UK, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and Japan) volunteers who will attend for the full duration of the conference. To qualify for the RESULTS volunteer rate, you must have participated in a RESULTS-related advocacy action or attended a RESULTS meeting in the last 3 months.

- **Daily rate:** \$65 early bird discount (ends on April 30), \$85 regular

The daily rate applies to individuals who will attend the conference for only one day.

- **REAL Change Fellows:**

Once accepted into the program, REAL Change Fellows will receive information regarding how to register for the conference as well as arrange their hotel accommodations. Please contact Carly Pildis at cpildis@results.org with any questions regarding the REAL Change Fellowship program.

5. How do I cancel or modify my registration? Can I get a refund?

To cancel or modify your registration, you must contact RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund at IC2016@results.org with your full name and registration code. Refunds will be granted until April 30, 2016. After that date, no refunds will be processed. A \$25 cancellation fee will be applied to any cancelled registration.

If you have any issues arranging your hotel accommodations, please contact the hotel where you plan to stay directly.

6. Is financial assistance available?

Yes. Financial assistance is available on a limited basis for existing RESULTS advocates in the United States. We work hard to help individuals from all walks of life and financial means join us at the 2016 RESULTS International Conference.

If you are a RESULTS advocate working on U.S. poverty issues, please complete this form to apply for financial assistance.

If you are a RESULTS advocate working on global poverty issues, please complete this form to apply for financial assistance.

7. How do I make lodging arrangements?

This year, all conference attendees must make their own lodging arrangements. Hotel arrangements are not included in the online conference registration process.

RESULTS negotiated a discount for conference attendees at the Washington Court Hotel. Please book your room online using the discount code RESULTS0616 by May 26, 2016 to receive the reduced rate. If you'd rather book your lodging at the conference venue by phone, please contact the Washington Court Hotel at (202) 628-2100. Let the hotel staff know that you are part of the RESULTS International Conference event before May 26, 2016 to receive the discounted room rate.

If you have any issues arranging your hotel accommodations, please contact the hotel where you plan to stay directly.

8. How do I find a roommate for my hotel arrangements?

To connect with other attendees and find a roommate for your hotel stay, send a message to ic-help-share@googlegroups.com.

Please note that this group is not managed by RESULTS or RESULTS Educational Fund.

9. Can I volunteer in exchange for a waived registration fee?

We are not currently offering any volunteer opportunities at the RESULTS International Conference. If you need financial assistance to help you attend the conference, please apply using the forms below.

- If you are a RESULTS advocate working on U.S. poverty issues, please complete the form available online at <http://bit.ly/1L6aPLP> to apply for financial assistance.
- If you are a RESULTS advocate working on global poverty issues, please complete this form available online at <http://bit.ly/1oZIBKe> to apply for financial assistance.

10. What is the REAL Change Fellowship and how do I apply?

The REAL Change Organizing and Advocacy Fellowship is a hands-on training program for young people between the ages of 18-30 who are ready to become the next generation of advocates fighting poverty. During the yearlong program, fellows learn how to work with the media, their communities, and policymakers to create change.

Once selected for the fellowship, participants receive a crash-course in advocacy at the RESULTS International Conference in Washington, DC. After three days of coaching and inspiration, fellows spend the final day of the conference on Capitol Hill and speak directly with members of Congress and their staff. Throughout the rest of the year, fellows receive ongoing training on biweekly calls. They hone their advocacy skills through exercises such as writing letters to the editor, hosting events, and calling their members of Congress.

All interested applicants must be between the ages of 18-30, able to commit 6 hours a week to the program, and attend the 2016 RESULTS International Conference. RESULTS will cover transportation, lodging, and some meals. There is a \$200 (sharing a hotel room with 4 fellows) or \$400 fee (sharing a hotel room with 2 fellows) to cover certain activities, which cannot be waived.

To apply, complete the application form available online at www.results.org/realchange. Submit your completed application to Carly Pildis at cpildis@results.org.

For more information about the program, visit www.results.org/realchange or contact Carly Pildis at cpildis@results.org.

11. What dining and entertainment options are near the event venue?

There is a Starbucks across the street from the Washington Court Hotel and a Quiznos sandwich shop around the corner. In the evening, pubs like Kelly's Irish Times and the Dubliner are great options to unwind after an action-packed day.

For even more dining options, Union Station is only a short ten minute walk away. Options there include: Pret A Manger, Roti Mediterranean Grill, Le Pain Quotidien, Chipotle, Shake Shack and many more.

If you're in the mood to explore, Chinatown is just a 10-15 minute walk away from the conference venue. You'll find more casual options like Panera Bread and Fuel Pizza, as well as more upscale local haunts like Graffiato, Diakaya, and Bar Deco.

While you're in Chinatown, be sure to check out the Smithsonian American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery. There are also countless other museums and tourist attractions located on the National Mall, less than a 15 minute walk away. You can even check out the White House, just a 30 minute walk or a 20 minute metro ride away from the conference venue.

12. Are meals provided?

No. RESULTS does not provide meals at the conference. There will be light snacks and refreshments available during breaks in the agenda.

13. What is advocacy day?

On June 28, the last day of the 2016 RESULTS International Conference, attendees turn their newly developed skills and knowledge into action on Capitol Hill. Participants advocate on U.S. poverty or global poverty issues in meetings with congressional representatives or their staff.

Attendees must request meetings with members of Congress themselves. If you need help with scheduling your advocacy meetings, contact Lisa Marchal at lmarchal@results.org for

meetings on global poverty issues or Jos Linn, at jlinn@results.org for meetings on U.S. poverty issues.

14. How do I prepare for advocacy day?

- **Request face-to-face meetings with members of Congress** for Advocacy Day on June 28 in Washington, DC. Submit meeting requests using our meeting request forms for global or U.S. poverty issues available online at http://www.results.org/skills_center/group_resources_and_admin/. Use the top tips from our "Activist Milestones" at http://www.results.org/skills_center/milestone_12/ to guide you in making meeting requests. These requests should be made well in advance of the conference so as to increase your chances of getting a face-to-face meeting with your members of Congress.
- **Fill out the Conference Lobby Meeting Form**, available online at http://www.results.org/skills_center/group_resources_and_admin/, for each meeting you schedule.
- **Schedule a preparation call with RESULTS staff.** Prior to your arrival in DC, RESULTS staff will schedule calls with you and/or your group to walk through what to expect in your meetings. For U.S. poverty advocacy meetings, please contact Jos Linn at jlinn@results.org to schedule a prep call. For global poverty advocacy meetings, please contact Crickett Nicovich at cnicovich@results.org to schedule a call.
- **Read through the U.S. Poverty Legislative Handbook or Global Poverty Legislative Handbook**, which will be available on the 2016 RESULTS Conference Resources page at www.results.org/skills_center/2016_results_international_conference_resources/ before the event. These handbooks provide invaluable background information to help you at the conference and in your advocacy meetings. Please read your packet before you arrive in DC.
- **Research your members of Congress.** Where do they stand on the issues you will be meeting about? Find out using the online tool available at www.capwiz.com/results/dbq/officials/.
- **Prepare media and stories to bring to your advocacy meetings.** Make prints of editorials, op-eds, articles, and letters to the editor that you've had published in your regional media in the last year.
- **Pack appropriate clothing.** While casual dress is appropriate for the RESULTS International Conference itself, Advocacy Day is different. Plan to dress professionally for your advocacy meetings, perhaps as if you were attending a job interview. Advocacy Day can involve a good amount of walking on Capitol Hill so you

may want to pack comfortable shoes you can change into as you go from meeting to meeting.

If you need help with scheduling meetings, contact Lisa Marchal (Global Poverty) or Jos Linn (U.S. Poverty).

15. What should I pack?

The weather in Washington, DC in the summer is often very hot and humid. Light, comfortable clothes are best. However, the conference venue can get chilly with the air conditioning, so don't forget a sweater or jacket! Conference attendees are encouraged to bring business attire, appropriate for meetings with members of Congress and their staff, for Advocacy Day on June 28. Some attendees wear casual, comfortable footwear while traveling between meetings on Capitol Hill and then change into dress shoes before each meeting.