

**Submitted pre-convention**

**Which bid would you like your question directed to?**

**What is your question?**

All bids

How safe is your convention location for the LGBT+ community?

Hugo Awards, finalist recognition:

All bids

Will you recognise the individual finalists your members vote for?

Will you LIST ALL the finalists in each category of the Hugo Awards?

Will you allow your finalists to be properly honoured?

This has been an issue for finalists, will you address it.

All extant 2023 and 2024 bids.

What are your plans for crowd management, to prevent overly long queues and ensure that fans can get into program items that they want to attend?

How close are your main hotels to the main convention space? (I asked this because the Saudi bid required a car trip to get to the event site from the hotels)

All bids

Chengdu in 2023

What is the theatre seating capacity (\*not\* the standing reception capacity) of your Hugo Ceremony venue?

Chengdu in 2023

How can fans be assured that all subjects including subjects critical of the Chinese government can be discussed without repercussions to local fans or international fans?

Chengdu in 2023

How many hotels rooms in your main hotel are disability-accessible?

Chengdu in 2023

How many party suites will be available in your main hotel for party sponsors?

Chengdu in 2023

Will Programming Panels on LGBTQ issues be permitted?

Chengdu in 2023

Many people use the Internet to access works to consider as Hugo nominees and also to access the Hugo finalists. For example persons who might be eligible for Best Fan Writer or potentially Best Short Story writings might be on personal blogs as well as platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. How will you be addressing the potential problem of Internet or platform (Facebook, Twitter, etc) blockage by the Chinese government?

Chengdu in 2023

Will there be any topics such as the events of June 1989 at Tian An Men or the current treatment of the Uighurs which will be forbidden in the description of listed program items or during the presentation of program items?

Chengdu in 2023

If the Hugo Voters nominate in sufficient numbers a work which is not aligned with the approved Chinese government policy – for example, regarding Hong Kong or Taiwan or Tibet – will that work still be allowed to appear on the Hugo ballot?

Chengdu in 2023	How will accessibility for elderly or disabled (mobility, sight or hearing) or people with anxiety be handled ?
Chengdu in 2023	With hotels 500 meters from the convention venue you mention free wheelchairs as an option. Other options? Are mobility scooters available to rent?
Chengdu in 2023	Will there be filk circles for those who like to sing and play music?
Chengdu in 2023	Will there be a virtual part of program which will be streamed and/or recorded and put online with virtual interaction such as a chatbox, like on the CGTN Youtube channel ; or with a Discord site?
Jeddah in 2026	Is the total Programming space available for your convention the 3 auditoriums + the 6 rooms in your convention center -- in other words, only 9 program items can go on at the same time?
Jeddah in 2026	Are people of Jewish and other non-Muslim religions going to be able to enter your country for the convention? Will all genders (including LGBTQ) and non-Muslims be able to participate equally without segregation or harassment?
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Glasgow in 2024	How many party suites will be available in your main hotel, the Crowne Plaza?
Memphis in 2023	Tennessee is an "open carry" state. With this law, can people be allowed into your convention and hotels armed with guns? You state: "There will be no influence, interference, or control over our Worldcon by local, state, or national governments."
Memphis in 2023	Question: Dublin 2019, An Irish Worldcon was supported by their Irish Government, local and national, based on their literature published. The 77th Worldcon was held in a government property. Laws in Ireland did impact the convention. Is there a concern from Memphis about such support? What constitutes interference and control ?
Memphis 2023	The government of the USA is threatening action against TikTok which conceivably could have content eligible for Hugo consideration in Best Short Form or other categories. In relation to potential Hugo nominees or finalists what steps are planned to deal with government take down or other interference with an Internet platform?

**Submitted in chat**      \*Note, if an answer was provided in chat, it has been copied . Otherwise, check the video recording as to whether the questions was addressed in the Q&A portion of the Question Time session.

Nice in 2026	<p>Gary Blog: Will the pre-supporting memberships those of us gave to the Nice in 2023 bid last year be carried over to the 2026 bid?</p> <p>Pascale Chabrilat-Trahin: Hi Gary, yes of course, pre-supporing membership will be caried over to the 2026 bid</p>
Nice in 2026	<p>Sandra Levy: What will be the transportation from the new convention center to the rest of Nice.</p> <p>Pascale Chabrilat-Trahin: Hi Sandra, there is a 15mns tramway connexion from our convention center to downtown Nice</p>
Tel Aviv in 2027, Nice in 2026	<p>Perrianne Lurie (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA, she/her): What is the availability of gluten free food in Tel Aviv and Nice?</p> <p>Gadi Evron: most of the restaurants in Tel Aviv will work with you on adjusting the menu, to try and help you with your nutritional requirements</p>
2027 & 2026 bids	<p>SunnyJim Morgan: Related to the above question, what's the availablility of non-hotel logdings nearby - such as Airbnb/vacation rentals? (For all locations)</p> <p>Gadi Evron: There are 10,000 airbnbs in tel aviv</p> <p>Gadi Evron: and many hotels in the area</p> <p>Tal Goldman: Just to add to Gadi's answer about hotels - Tel Aviv has also several hostels that can offer more affordable housing</p>
All	<p>Gary Blog: Why does some of these questions make Hugo finalists as important as the GoHs?</p>
2026 bids	<p>Alex von Thorn: Why 20206? Pourquoi 2026?</p>
2027 & 2026 bids	<p>Gary Blog: Due to the pandemic, what are the chances that some of the facilities all of you are looking at might close permanently over the next year or two?</p>
Nice in 2026	<p>Lorain Clark: For Nice, When is the main summer holiday period in France</p> <p>ugo bellagamba: August, in France.</p>

Seattle in 2025 Michael Nelson: Have you heard from Starbucks' lawyers yet for that bid logo? :-)  
SunnyJim Morgan: It's a non issue.

Seattle in 2025 Lisa Hertel: Last time Seattle got killed by hotel rates, how is that looking now?

Brisbane in 2025 Gary Blog: For Australia: from your personal perspective, can you tell us a little about the differences between Brisbane and Melbourne (site of the last three worldcons there)

Seattle in 2025 Stacey: In the past, the Seattle convention center has not wanted to host a science fiction convention. What has changed?

Brisbane in 2025 Todd Dashoff: For Brisbane - when you say breakfast is included, is that full or Continental?

Brisbane in 2025 Mark Linneman: Brisbane. Size of hotels, will it be necessary to use 20+ hotels because of limited capacity  
Leife Shallcross: I wouldn't think so.

Brisbane in 2025 Lorain Clark: Brisbane - transport options?  
Leife Shallcross: Brisbane transport: Bus, train, river cat. Uber, taxis

Seattle in 2025 Linda Robinett: I thought I went to a Worldcon in Seattle. Maybe it was a NASFIC. How close is this to the Museum of Popular Culture?  
Alan Bond: MoPop is at the other end of the Monorail from downtown, which is a 15 minute ride

Seattle in 2025 Linda Robinett: How long a walk? I do like to walk. I do like the Monorail brought to you by Krupp Industries of infamy.  
Kathy Bond: It takes me about 30 minutes to walk from the Convention Center to the Seattle Center campus. I walk slowly.  
Alan Bond: And the walk can take you by the Amazon Spheres if you choose the right path...

Glasgow in 2024	Joni: uk not eu.....any visas needed?
Glasgow in 2024	Chris Rose: Q for Glasgow: The UK has a sadly vicious strain of anti-trans culture. I'd like to see that specifically addressed. Chris Rose: How is Glasgow, specifically in regards to trans folk? Meg Macdonald: <a href="https://glasgow2024.org/2020/06/glasgow-in-2024-supports-black-lives-matter-and-trans-lives-matter/">https://glasgow2024.org/2020/06/glasgow-in-2024-supports-black-lives-matter-and-trans-lives-matter/</a>
Chengdu in 2023	Linda Robinett: How was the English. I know that all university students must study English extensively. Vera Sun: Yes we do, students learn English from Childhood. Vera Sun: And voluteers are always eager to help, there are many SF fans in China.
Chengdu in 2023	Linda Robinett: How is censorship and if somebody says something about Tibet?
Chengdu in 2023	Randy Smith: What will be done about transportation between these sites?
Chengdu in 2023	Lindadee Seattle: Is there a lot of air pollution?
Chengdu in 2023	Chris Rose: Q for the Chengdu bid: Can you identify some good authoritative links for USian travelers to find answers about questions like cell phone data plans, credit card use, etc, in China? The internet has a lot of information of dubious quality, and I expect your bid to know how to find _good_ info.
Chengdu in 2023	Jo Van: Question for Chengdu: Are all of your "breakout rooms" large exhibition halls? Where are small programming sessions going to be located?
Chengdu in 2023	Dave Wallace: I have concerns about internet access - how does the great firewall affect US travellers trying to communicate with sites back home?

Chengdu in 2023  
Jo Van: Why should people in Chengdu be required to use WeChat (which is known to have a huge security invulnerability)? Why should Worldcon members be required to use a VPN to access the Internet?  
Vera Sun: Not all Chengdu people use wechat, it's just a habit, like others use FB or twitter.  
Vera Sun: As long as all your friends use wechat, you need an account to contact them.

2023 bids  
Lisa Hertel: Both bids: how are black & brown people treated in your area?

Chengdu in 2023  
Randy Smith: I typically conduct Christian worship services at worldcons. Would I be able to do that openly in Chengdu?

Chengdu in 2023  
Jo Van: So are topics of Taiwan and Tibet and Tiananmen Square going to be allowed?

Memphis in 2023  
Chris Rose: Q for the Memphis bid: With the US ICE policy to request visitors' social media information now, how safe is it to express opinions critical of the US gov't before coming to the con?  
Kate Secor: Yeah, but the question is how fast is policy going to change? Its not going to be 1/21, for sure, but by 2023? Yes, we can reasonably expect it to change.

Chengdu in 2023  
Terry Neill: Is there a tram or subway from the hotels to the convention center in Chengdu? Or is it all walking/bikes?

2023 bids  
Chris Rose: For both: Are you looking to get con attendees transit passes?

Memphis in 2023  
Linda Robinett: Bass Pro Shop? Is that the convention venue in Tennessee? :)  
Kate Secor: @Linda: No, that's the pyramid. It's not big enough for the convention. :P  
Kate Secor: The pyramid is a fun tourist attraction, it's just awkward to get to from our venue. (Not \*far\*, just awkward because of highways and such.)

Memphis in 2023  
Ariel: Mmphis, what is the name of your overflow hotel?

Kate Secor: @Ariel The Crowne Plaza

in response to LGBTQ+  
question pre-  
submitted

Tal Goldman: As a gay man and activist living in Tel Aviv I can personally say that it's one of the safest cities I've been to.

Regarding transport  
between hotel and  
convention site

Vera Sun: Buses, subways, taxis are available. In Chengdu, the public transportation are quite easy to access.

Responding to a  
question regarding  
open carry in  
Memphis.

Kate Secor: We expect our convention weapons policy to be in line with our bid policy: <https://www.memphis23.org/about/weapons-and-costume-policy/>