

## Information for Foreign Nationals Interested in Applying for the 2006 NASA Space Radiation Summer School

NOTE: The following is provided as introductory information to foreign nationals who are interested in applying for the summer school. It was obtained either in whole or in part from the U.S. Department of State web site, which is referenced in several places on this page. Please be sure to review all referenced online information or contact the local U.S. Embassy to verify current entrance requirements and to obtain any application forms necessary for requesting a visa from the United States.

Applicants selected for the NASA Space Radiation Summer School are not 'enrolled' in an accredited institution of higher learning nor are university course credits awarded for the three-week course. As a result, summer school participants would not ordinarily be classified as students for visa/immigration purposes. For all intents and purposes, the NASA Space Radiation Summer School can be considered business or vocational training. Please be advised that the course sponsors are unable to issue any visa application documents for obtaining a US Student Visa.

If you are a foreign national who will need to travel to the United States if selected for the 2006 summer school, please familiarize yourself with the requirements for temporary entrance to the US. Detailed information is available online from the US State Department at [http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp\\_1305.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html).

Most Canadian citizens and many citizens from Visa Waiver Program countries can come to the U.S. without a visa if they meet certain requirements. The **Visa Waiver Program (VWP)** enables nationals of certain countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. VWP eligible travelers may still apply for a visa, if they prefer to do so. Not all countries participate in the VWP, and not all travelers from VWP countries are eligible to use the program. VWP travelers are screened prior to admission into the United States, and they are enrolled in the Department of Homeland Security's [US-VISIT](#) program. The US Department of State provides detailed information on the VWP online at [http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without\\_1990.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html).

Other foreign citizens will need some type of a nonimmigrant visa. If you are a citizen of a country that does not participate in the Visa Waiver Program or if you are not eligible for the VWP, it is recommended that you apply for a B1 Business Visitor Visa to enter the US if selected for the summer school. For specific information on this and other types of visitor visas and application instructions, please review the following information provided online by the US Department of State [http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1262.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1262.html).

When the selection process is completed in March, all selected applicants will receive a Letter of Invitation from the course sponsors which may be used when applying for a visitor visa.