

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

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 forms necessary to apply for a United States visitor visa.

Applicants selected for the NASA Space Radiation Summer School (NSRSS) 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 be classified as students for visa/immigration purposes. For all intents and purposes, the NASA Space Radiation Summer School can be considered a business or vocational training workshop. The course sponsors will not issue any visa application documents to the selected participants other than a Letter of Invitation, which may be used to apply for a US visitor visa if needed.

If you are a foreign national who will travel to the United States if selected for the NSRSS, please familiarize yourself with the requirements for temporary entrance to the US. For specific information on visitor visas, please review the following information provided online by the US Department of State http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html.

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. Not all countries participate in the VWP and not all travelers from VWP countries meet the program eligibility requirements. Please review the Visa Waiver Program information provided online by [The US Department of State](#) and [The Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection \(CBP\)](#).

Citizens of foreign countries that are not in the VWP will need a nonimmigrant visitor visa. It is recommended that you apply for a **B1 Business Visitor Visa to enter the US if selected for the summer program.**