

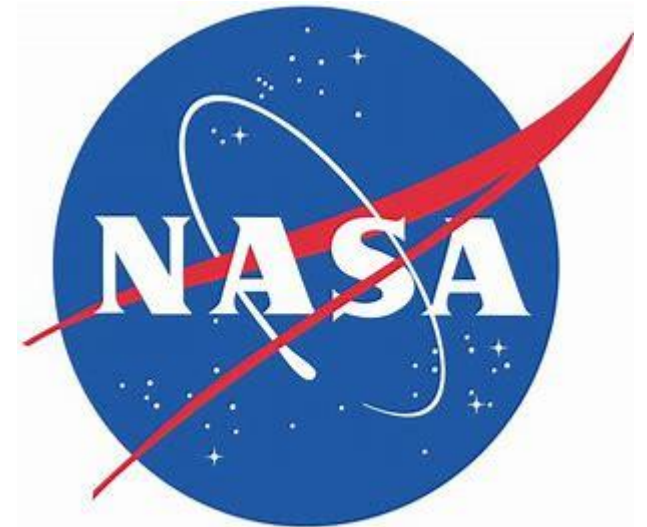
Visitors, Guests and Badges at NASA

PHaSER



Cooperative Agreement

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Who is eligible for a NASA badge through the PHASER

- US citizens and GC holders employed by PHASER.
- Foreign visitors from non-designated and designated countries (the processing is long, but doable) with visas sponsored by PHASER:
 - H1B, J1, J2, O, F1 and F1 with OPT visa.
- Students of any level, the only condition is that they are not interns, but employees who perform certain useful work necessary for NASA and receive payment from NASA (the amount and % do not matter).
 - Students must have a permission to work (form I-20 or EAD for OPT).

Who is **NOT** eligible for a NASA badge through the PHASER

- visitors sponsored by foreign organizations, especially government ones **HQ visitors**
- foreign government employees **OIR service**
- visitors coming for a period of less than 29 days (the same rule applies to extensions). Only 29 or less days per 365 days are allowed. **Short escorted visit**
- Holders of visas not sponsored by a specific organization (B1, B2, ESTA, travel waivers for Canadians and Mexicans) **1 day visit escorted only**
- Visitors invited and employed by a non-PHASER organization **Not allowed**

Timing

- Badges for **US citizens and GC holders** are relatively fast to obtain
- The rules for the **FNs** (and especially their interpretation by IVC) change with time (for the worse). *2 weeks for IVC approval.*
- The main rule: IVC will approve FN's case **ONLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL** in the USA. After that – an unavoidable waiting line at the *GSFC badging office for 3-4 weeks.* **But you can escort them to the workplace!**
- Physical access for FN's is not granted automatically. I must request it separately after the badge activation. *1-3 days*
- IT access is basic for FN's. For the elevated level FN must stay in the USA for more than 3 years without a break and have a long contract.

Conclusions and Suggestions

- If you are hiring a **US citizen or a GC holder** – 1-2 weeks is enough for processing. MOSI tickets are available as well
- If you are hiring an FN – please contact me at the stage of planning. All visas have their specifics, there is no universal recipe.
- Please consider obtaining an **escort badge**, to be able to escort your visitors
- PHaSER PIs/directors: provide me with your visitor's name, citizenship, visa type, email, NASA host name, affiliation length, a contract and RAD number.
- Please notice **that I have no rights to receive instructions from anyone** (and especially FNs) about badge request initiation - except the NASA host.
 - He/she is responsible for visitor's security clearance.
 - He/she provides a work description (it is a legal document; it cannot be just extracted from RAD) and other info.
- Therefore no one should recommend a user "please contact Olga for a badge". It must be the host only.

Please contact me directly, please ask questions in advance !

Thank you !

