

NASA Hubble Fellowship Program (NHFP) Temporary Policy Waiver During the COVID-19 Pandemic

NHFP Fellows who are Non-U.S. citizens located outside of the U.S.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fellows who are non-U.S. citizens, located outside of the U.S., may be having difficulty entering the U.S. due to visa delays or travel restrictions. There may also be non-U.S. Fellows located outside of the U.S. while their host institution is operating under a remote working status during the pandemic. As a result, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Space Telescope Science Institute (STScI) have agreed to temporarily waive the requirement for Fellows in the status described above to be in residence at their host institution.

The visa process is handled by host institutions. If a host institution can legally offer employment or a stipendiary position to a non-U.S. Fellow who is temporarily located abroad, the following waiver is approved:

Temporary Waiver in effect until December 31, 2020: This waiver applies to non-U.S. Fellows who, as a result of COVID-19, are:

- Unable to enter the U.S. due to difficulties obtaining a visa,
- Unable to enter the U.S. due to travel restrictions, or
- Temporarily located in a foreign country while their host institution is operating under a remote working status during the pandemic.

No other waiver is expressed or implied. If there are other special circumstances, contact STScI Grants Administration regarding your situation.

If any of the circumstances listed above persist through December 31, 2020, NASA and STScI will reassess the situation and provide further guidance.

Institutions shall still abide by all public-laws, Federal regulations, the NHFP Policies and Guidelines, the STScI General Grant Provisions, and NASA policies as applicable.

Late openings and working remotely

Some host institutions may not be able to open their campuses this fall according to their regularly scheduled academic year. Fellows with a host institution in this category may begin or continue their fellowship off-campus, until the institution implements its reopening policy. This applies to Fellows who are located in the U.S. as well as fellows who are located abroad, actively making arrangements to travel to the U.S.

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