

**The Planetary Photogrammetry Guest Facility
The Astrogeology Science Center, The United States Geological Survey**

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Is there a fee for this training?

Answer: No

Question: Is there financial support to help with travel cost to attend this training?

Answer: Not from the USGS. NASA encourages planetary researchers to use their grant funding to be trained and make their own DTMs at the Guest Facility.

Question: Does the Planetary Photogrammetry Facility provide accommodation or transportation for me while in my stay to attend the training?

Answer: No

Question: Do I need any background experience in SOCET SET or ISIS to participate in this training?

Answer: No

Question: Does the training cover any alternatives tools or software to SOCET SET for stereo DTM production?

Answer: No

Question: Will I get a workbook or material to take back with me to my work from this training?

Answer: Yes, you will get a personal copy of the training material. We are also in the process of organizing our training and reference materials for availability on the Web.

Question: Will you offer the same training in the future?

Answer: Yes, depending on level of interest and availability of funding, we expect to offer training sessions one to three times per year.

Question: Will you offer similar training in the future on other sensors, besides HiRISE?

Answer: Possibly, depending on the level of interest. If we have a sufficient number of trainees interested in another sensor (LROC NAC seems to be the second-most popular after HiRISE) we might offer a training session built around it. In general, guidance about how to make use of another type of imagery will be provided on an individual basis, when you visit to make DTMs. However, please note that the training provided encompasses the entire photogrammetric process, and builds the foundation to working with other sensors.

Question: Would a well-defined project or application be required for participation in this training?

Answer: No

Question: Can my colleague and I attend same time?

Answer: Yes, we will accommodate that as much as possible. When you register for the training please let us know the name of the other people you want to attend with as a group.

Question: Can I use my own datasets for this training?

Answer: No

Question: When can I use my own datasets for processing?

Answer: Please let us know in advance, so we can coordinate the allocation of additional time, OUTSIDE the scheduled training dates.

Question: Is it possible for me to stay few more days beyond the training to process my own datasets?

Answer: Yes it is possible, but please let us know in advance so we can coordinate the allocation of additional time, OUTSIDE the schedule training dates. Unlike training sessions, where we have 6 workstations available, we have only a single workstation available for guest use. Therefore, most users should consider making a second trip to produce their DTMs.

Question: We have our systems in place as well as several staff members ready to be trained on same topic. Can you provide training on our site?

Answer: This is possible, provided that your agency can pay travel expenses *and* salary for one of our staff to visit and provide training. Because of the need to coordinate such a visit with our other commitments, please contact us as early as possible if you are interested.

Question: I need a visa to attend this training. Will you send me an official letter to facilitate my visa?

Answer: Yes, will do our best within our established governmental guidelines to facilitate your attendance.

Question: Where can I get information about Flagstaff public transportation?

Answer: Please see this website <http://www.mountainline.az.gov>.

Question: Where can I get maps to help me find the Astrogeology Science Center, how to get to the USGS campus, and a map of Flagstaff?

Answer: Please see our visitor web page <http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/visitors>.

Question: Where can I get links to Flagstaff resources, such as a list of hotels/motels/B&B, event, and other useful tourist information?

Answer: Please see our visitor web page <http://astrogeology.usgs.gov/visitors>.

For questions not answered above, please contact:

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