

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. 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: 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 1-2 of our staff to travel to your location 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/about/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/about/visitors> and the Flagstaff Visitor Center web page <http://www.flagstaffarizona.org/plan-your-trip/>

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