

Opportunity Title: Astrophysics: Active Galactic Nuclei and Starburst Galaxies

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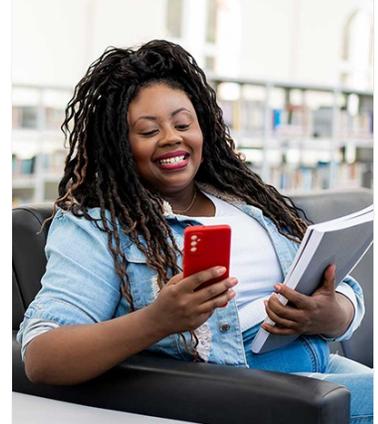
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- Foreign Nationals eligible for an Exchange Visitor J-1 visa status; and,
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application with 1) a valid EAD card and 2) I-485 or I-589 forms in pending status

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Eligibility Requirements

- **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.