



# Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory

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Dear Ms. Ricci,

Welcome to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. We are looking forward to your Pre-Doc appointment in the High Energy Astrophysics Division (HEA) for the period July 1, 2017 – August 31, 2017. If these dates are not correct, please notify me as soon as possible.

Before your arrival at SAO, the documents reference below must be completed and submitted. Please **TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY**.

1. Helpful information at:  
[http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/fellowres/fellows\\_employ.htm](http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/fellowres/fellows_employ.htm)  
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[http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/fellowres/fellows\\_taxes.html](http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/fellowres/fellows_taxes.html)
2. Scan and save all forms electronically.

## Local Address

If you do not have a U.S. mailing address, please indicate my business address for your Local Address on the attached forms:

**Your Name**  
**c/o Donna Wyatt**  
**SAO**  
**60 Garden Street, MS 06**  
**Cambridge MA 02138**

**Stipend and Travel Reimbursement**

Your stipend will be **\$3500** per month for four months. You will receive an advance payment in the first month, as well as recurring payments at the end of each month. Your relocation reimbursement/travel allowance is limited to **\$2500** for a **one-way fare** to the Smithsonian and **expenses** related to the actual movement of your person or possessions. You may purchase a reasonably priced coach fare round-trip ticket, but will be reimbursed up to 50% of its cost. Please save all receipts and e-ticket invoices for the reimbursement request. **Foreign travelers must provide date-specific proof of currency conversion.**

**Research Proposal/Statement (with Title) and Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

These documents are required for your visit.

Please send your updated Curriculum Vitae, even if you have already sent this as part of your application.

Your research proposal is a one- to three-paragraph statement that outlines what you plan to accomplish during your tenure at SAO. The Research Statement must have a descriptive title.

**Visa Data Sheet**

In order to obtain a visa for your visit, you must complete this form in full. Missing and/or incorrect information will delay processing.

**Attachments for Visa Data Sheet**

Send us **electronic copies** of all current and previously issued visa-related documents for yourself and family members traveling to the U.S., including Form I-94, Form IAP-66/DS-2019, Form I-20, Form I-797 and PASSPORT (including all pages with visa stamps).

**Vendor Form**

This form is required for stipend processing and payment.

*If you do not have a U.S. bank account for direct-deposit payment of your stipend:*

- **Vendor Name** - your full name, as it appears on government-issued ID cards
- **TIN/ITIN or SSN** - your U.S. Tax Identification or Social Security Number (if you have one; otherwise, leave this field blank)
- **Remit to Address** - your U.S. mailing address if you have one or **my business address if you do not**
- **Vendor Signature** - your signature
- **Date of Birth and Telephone Number** - please indicate your **date of birth** (Month-Day-Year) and telephone number somewhere on the form

- Leave the rest of the form blank
- Scan the signed document and save an electronic copy

**If you have a U.S. bank account and want to receive direct-deposit payment of your stipend:**

- **Vendor Name** - your full name, as it appears on government-issued ID cards
- **TIN/ITIN or SSN** - your U.S. Tax Identification or Social Security Number (if you have one; otherwise, leave this field blank)
- **Business Address** - your U.S. mailing address if you have one or **my business address if you do not**
- **Vendor Signature** - your signature
- Leave the rest of the form blank
- Scan the signed document and save an electronic copy
- Complete the ACH/EFT form as well (see below)

**ACH/EFT Form (optional)**

Complete select fields on this form if you have a U.S. bank account to receive electronic (direct-deposit) payment of your stipend. You may complete this form later, if you need time to establish a U.S. bank account.

**Payee/Company Information**

- **Name** - your full name, as it appears on government-issued ID cards
- **Address** - Your U.S. mailing address, or my business address
- **SSN No. or Tax Payer ID No.** -your U.S. Tax Identification or Social Security Number (if you have one; otherwise, leave this field blank)

**Financial Institution Information**

- **Name** - bank name
- **Address** - bank address
- **Nine-Digit Routing Transit Number** – the number on the lower left corner of your check (see graphic below)
- **Depositor Account Number** - your bank account number (see graphic below)

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Routing Number	Account Number	Check Number

- **Type of Account** - check the appropriate box for Checking or Savings Account

**Proof of Coverage for Health Care**

Health insurance coverage or evidence of coverage is a requirement for SAO fellows.

**For visits of less than 12 months**, evidence of health insurance is required as the visitor is not eligible for group health insurance coverage (Harvard Pilgrim Health Care). Evidence of health insurance includes registration letters or forms or proof of purchase (credit card statement, cancelled check, or letter with total health insurance amount).

**Personally purchased health care coverage is reimbursable** by SAO up to the group rate of Individual - \$423.78/month,\$5,085.36/year and Family - \$1139.95/month, \$13,679.40/year. Visits of less than 12 months will be reimbursed in three-month increments (or one lump sum if the visit is less than three months.)

**Proof of Coverage for Medical Evacuation and Repatriation**

Foreign fellows must provide evidence of evacuation and repatriation coverage for **EVERY YEAR** they are at SAO. Attached is an application form for one provider of this coverage, International SOS. See

[http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/fellowre\\_s/fellows\\_employ.html](http://www.cfa.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellowships/fellowre_s/fellows_employ.html) for required coverage amounts. You may use a different provider that meets the requirements outlined in the web page mentioned above. This expense is reimbursable by SAO.

**Academic Appointment Record**

Please provide the requested information regarding contact information, address, academic status, health care coverage, title of your research project, etc.

**W-9 Form**

This form is only required of fellows who have a Social Security number (SSN) or U.S. or Tax Identification number (TIN/ITIN), or if you are a resident alien (defined here <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc851.html>).

Do not complete this form if none of these criteria apply to you.

**Smithsonian Office of Fellowships & Interns Forms**

These forms concern copyright and image use along with publication information, and are required by the Smithsonian Office of Fellowships & Interns, Washington, DC.

**Statement of Intention to File/Residency Form**

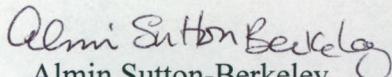
By signing this form, you are formally indicating you are aware of the tax consequences associated with your fellowship in the United States, and you have agreed to file official tax forms with the United States at the end of each tax year. You also formally declare that you are in this country for a short duration and do not intend to permanently reside in the United States.

**Foreign Visitor Visa Tax Questionnaire**

This form provides the Fellowship Office with the background information necessary to determine a fellowship recipient's tax status in the United States.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Almin Sutton-Berkeley  
HEA Fellowship Coordinator  
Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory  
High Energy Astrophysics Division