

# Color FERET Database Release Agreement

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To advance the state-of-the-art in face recognition, the FERET database will be made available to researchers in face recognition on a case-by-case basis only. All requests for the FERET database must be submitted via the NIST website. To receive a copy of the database, the researcher must sign this document and thereby agree to observe the restrictions listed herein. Failure to observe the restrictions in this document will result in access being denied for the balance of the FERET database and being subject to civil damages in the case of publication of images that have not been approved for release, a violation of restriction 3 below. The database will be available to researchers via NIST website download only. The images are available in ppm format; no other image formats or methods of distribution will be permitted. The researcher(s) agrees to the following restrictions on the database:

1. The database will not be further distributed, published, copied, or further disseminated in any way or form whatsoever, whether for profit or not. This includes further distributing, copying or disseminating to a facility or organization unit in the requesting university, organization, or company.
2. The images will only appear in technical reports, technical papers, and technical documents reporting on face recognition research. There will be no more than 15 images used at a time in a publication.
3. All documents and papers that report on research that uses the FERET database will acknowledge the use of the FERET database. Use of the FERET database will be acknowledged as follows: "Portions of the research in this paper use the FERET database of facial images collected under the FERET program, sponsored by the DOD Counterdrug Technology Development Program Office" and citations to:

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