May 29, 2014

Dear Summer@ICERM student,

As we prepare for Summer@ICERM 2014 we want to provide some more details about the program, and ask you for some additional information.

**TRAVEL TO ICERM:**

Transportation information to ICERM from Providence “Green” and Boston “Logan” airports can be found here:

<http://icerm.brown.edu/visitor_information/transportation_directions>

**CHECK-IN:**

The Summer@ICERM cohort will be staying at Brown University’s [*King House*](http://reslife.brown.edu/residence_halls/map.html) residence hall*,* located at 154 Hope Street (a campus map is attached). Check-in is Sunday, June 15th between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM, at which time you will pick-up your dorm key and Brown ID card. If you are unable to check-in during this timeframe on Sunday June 15th, you can phone the 24/7 on-call Conference Assistant at 401-413-4747 upon arrival. This person will meet you at the residence hall (or tell you where to find them) in order to provide you with your key and ID card.

There are no scheduled activities on Sunday, June 15th – students will have the remainder of the day to get settled in their rooms and meet each other.

**RESIDENCE HALL ACCESS/MEALS:**

Your residence hall fee is: $1,960.00 ($35/night for 56 nights). To ensure access, please provide ICERM with a personal or cashier’s check made out to Brown University by June 11, 2014. Checks can be mailed to:

Katie Droney

ICERM/Brown

Box 1995

Providence, RI 02912

The campus neighborhood has lots restaurant choices, and there is a terrific little grocery store near the residence hall. King House has a shared kitchen.

Your Brown ID card will give you access to your residence hall, ICERM, the Brown University Shuttle and campus libraries. If you don’t feel like eating at a restaurant or cooking, your Brown ID will also give you access to Brown’s various *pay-as-you-use* dining halls and cafés.

On Sunday, June 15th, the “Verney-Woolley” (or *V-Dub*) will be the only on-campus dining hall that is open: http://www.brown.edu/Student\_Services/Food\_Services/eateries/verneywoolley.php.   
The V-Dub is located at 135 Cushing Street, 5 blocks from your dorm. Other *pay-as-you-use* Brown food-service options will be open to you as the summer progresses.

**ORIENTATION:**

On Monday, June 16, please arrive at ICERM (121 S. Main Street, 11th floor) at **10:00AM** for ICERM’s orientation, Providence Scavenger Hunt and subsequent Welcome Lunch.

**SCHEDULE:**

Your first week at ICERM will be spent going over research topics with faculty advisors Michael Mossinghoff and Sinai Robins as well as TA’s Tarik Aougab, Emmanuel Tsukerman, Alexandria Pushkar, and Naht Quang Li. Research groups will be assigned by the end of the first week. In addition to attending mini-courses, special talks, and special events, each group will have regular meetings and a work routine established by the faculty advisors. We have also planned a variety of fun events. Our eight weeks together will go by very quickly!

A rough outline of the Summer@ICERM schedule is available online. It is expected you will commit at least 35 hours per week to the program. You will meet Monday through Friday at ICERM, generally between 8:30AM and 4:00PM. Any after-hour activities at ICERM must occur with a faculty advisor, a TA, or an ICERM staff member present.

**RESIDENCE HALL:**

Your room in *King House* will have a desk, chair, dresser, bed, an overhead light, a phone line, and an Internet connection. **You will need to bring** (or purchase upon arrival) twin bed sheets (36 by 80 inches), a blanket/comforter, a pillow, towels, a lamp, a fan, and an alarm clock. A laptop computer is also recommended. Brown’s bookstore carries all of these items. King House is not air-conditioned. There is a communal bathroom, communal kitchen with microwave, range and refrigerator, 24-hour study lounge; self-pay laundry is also available in the building. Parking is not available, and personal cars are strongly discouraged.

You will have a mailbox at ICERM. Your mailing address will be:

Your Name

ICERM/Brown University  
Box 1995  
Providence, RI 02912

**BROWN ACCESS/SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Please email me at [Jenna\_Sousa@ICERM.brown.edu](mailto:Jenna_Sousa@ICERM.brown.edu) with the following as soon as possible but no later than June 3, 2014:

* A passport-style photo (image should show your shoulders to the top of your head filling most of the frame and have a light solid background).
* Any special needs, allergies, or requests you may have.

**HEALTHCARE/ATHLETICS:**

If healthcare is needed while at Summer@ICERM, students have the following options:

* Using your own insurance card, take a cab to East Side Urgent Care on N. Main Street, or,
* \*Pay Brown’s Health Services a "per visit" fee of approximately $59.00, or,
* \*Pay Brown’s Health Services approximately $106.00 for 24/7 access to on-line nurse and day-time services for the duration of the program.

\*Brown’s Health Services does not take insurance, but will provide a receipt so students can submit a bill for reimbursement to their own insurance company as needed.

For information about using Brown’s athletic facilities please visit: <http://icerm.brown.edu/recreational_facilities>. Select the “Sponsored ID” membership ($60 for the summer term.)

**FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS FORMS:**

If you haven’t already sent them in, please bring the following forms with you on the first day of the program (these were attached to your acceptance letter PDF):

* Acceptance Form
* Medical Authorization Form
* Immunization History Form
* Release & Waiver Form
* Student and Employee Accessibility Services (SEAS) Form *(this confidential form should be completed by any student who has a disability or medical condition that may require an accommodation: learning and/or physical including significant food allergies)*

Please feel free to start communicating with each other through the following listserv: [summeraticerm14@listserv.brown.edu](mailto:summeraticerm14@listserv.brown.edu). Please note this listserv includes the email for the faculty organizers and TA’s, and will be monitored by ICERM staff.

If you have any questions after reading through all of this, please feel free to contact me.  I'm looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Sincerely,

Jenna Sousa

Program Manager