

SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
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Frequently Asked Questions Prior to REU Program

HOUSING (for non-UD students):

1. Where will we be residing during the 2022 REU Program?

Non-UD students in the CHARM-CPI REU Program will be staying at University Courtyard Apartments (1 Scholar Dr, Newark, DE 19711) within building 200.

2. Are pets allowed where we will be staying?

UD housing does not allow any pets other than fish, so we do not have pet friendly housing available through CPI. If your pet is a registered Emotional Support Animal or Service Animal, you would have to work with our Office of Disability Support Services prior to moving into the residence. See more here:

Office of DSS: <https://sites.udel.edu/dss/>

Housing Regulations:
<https://www.udel.edu/students/reslife/housing-info/our-policies/>

3. When can we move into/out from housing accommodations?

You are able to move in on Sunday, June 4th, the day before the REU program starts. Check-in is between 12-5pm. Please let us know if you'll be needing early or late check-in. Move out is scheduled for the last day of the REU program on August 11th.

4. How are the living quarters arranged?

Each person will get their own room within a 4 bedroom/2 bathroom suite. See more details including floorplans here:

<https://www.udel.edu/students/reslife/explore/apartment-style/>

5. Are any linens provided by housing?

No. As of 2023, housing is not providing linens to guests at University Courtyard Apartments.

6. Does the program provide a meal plan?

We do not provide meal plans, however, you may purchase an optional meal plan for the dining hall open this summer here:

https://udel.campusdish.com/MealPlans/Category?cat=Summer_Session_Meal_Plans_6804&lid=6804

Your housing comes with kitchens (range, refrigerator, dishwasher, and microwave) for all your food and meal needs. However, please note that cookware and dishware is not provided.

7. Is there grocery shopping or other amenities near our housing?

There's an ACME grocery store down W. Delaware Avenue behind the apartments as well as a few miscellaneous markets across E. Main Street in the Newark Shopping Center. In the shopping center and along Main Street is a variety of restaurants.

ACME: <https://goo.gl/maps/3vDXETZF8oPaX2HV8>

Newark Natural Foods: <https://goo.gl/maps/aXx7WUDvani5TzZV6>

The Christiana Mall is a 15 minute drive, 30 minute bus ride from the apartments. The bus you'll take is the 033.

<https://goo.gl/maps/mGjaqSmkaurmT57n6>

In the Newark Shopping Center is a movie theater.

<https://goo.gl/maps/PUo6YxphWNUqg7Bf9>

The UD bookstore is also nearby on E. Main Street.

<https://goo.gl/maps/HFK8zSfoCLNd2fCk7>

More information on buses in Newark:

<https://dartfirststate.com/RiderInfo/Routes/index.shtml>

8. Will there be social events?

UD Housing will be providing a few social events. Our programs will also be providing social events and networking opportunities.

CAMPUS:

9. How many students are expected on campus?

We expect over 1000 students; UD's campus will be busy with students this summer although not at the same capacity as throughout the Fall and Spring semesters. This is a fantastic time of year to be in Newark, DE.

10. Do you know whether or not non-UD REU students will be getting a UD ID card? If so, will the card get them access to campus locations like the gym and library?

Yes, students will be receiving a UDID card during the first week of the program. The card will allow you into your lab buildings, the library, and other areas of campus. The card you receive is classified as a "Department" and will only be active during your time in the program.

Appointments with UD's ONEcard ID office (<https://onecard.udel.edu/>) cannot be made more than 7 days out, so we will email you with ID appointment information the week prior to the start of the program.

11. If the gym has a membership fee, will CPI or CHARM provide gym access?

We aren't able to cover gym memberships for students this summer. Access to the gym at UD will be \$50 for the summer for non-UD external participants. Please visit this site for more information:
<https://rec.bluehens.com/sports/2018/6/1/memberships.aspx>

12. How do I go about securing a permit parking spot?

For non-UD students staying at University Courtyard Apartments, you will likely be purchasing a gray parking permit, parking at the Courtyard, and walking to campus (6-8 mins to Central Campus). Permits are \$63/month or \$110 for the summer. For more information, visit the parking website:

<https://sites.udel.edu/parking/>

13. Are there any COVID policies still implemented at UD?

Please go to the following link for more information on the latest COVID policies at UD: <https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/guidelines/>

PROGRAM-RELATED:

14. How and when will REU students be paid this summer?

You will be paid twice this summer through a stipend: once at the start and once at the end of the summer program. Note: students will not be classified as "employees" of the University for the REU programs and will not receive associated income tax forms (i.e. W-2) for these payments.

Both internal-UD and external students must complete the online W-9 form in order to get paid (even if you are a UD student currently employed on campus).

15. Is there a dress code for my REU?

What you wear at your home institution for lab work will be appropriate. (lab attire: pants, close-toed shoes, hair tied back - if applicable, etc.). When in doubt, always ask your graduate or postdoc mentor for guidance.

16. Can students change their project preferences during the summer?

No. Unfortunately, due to the complexity of the matching process, students will not be able to change their project preferences. However, we encourage you to speak with your faculty and grad mentors to share your interests when you arrive. If you come willing to learn in a collaborative environment, we're confident you will have a positive summer experience.

17. Are all of our assigned labs located together? Will we all be working in a central location?

CHARM and CPI are highly interdisciplinary centers, spanning several departments across campus. Students will be working in labs across different buildings on central campus (ISE, SHARP, DuPont, Brown) and south campus (AP-Bio). There will be REU sessions scheduled at various other locations, and whenever possible, will be provided in a hybrid format. The campus has a shuttle service and is bike-friendly.

18. Are non-research/lab activities mandatory throughout the summer?

Your research project is an important element of your REU, however, you are expected to attend certain activities throughout the summer as part of the formal programming. Some of these activities are mandatory, and others are optional. These differences are noted in your program activities calendar, which you will have access to on your arrival. Please consult the digital calendar regularly in case of scheduling changes.

We realize there may be instances where you have to miss a session due to a research-related or personal conflict, but there must be extenuating circumstances. We ask that you make arrangements with your faculty mentor and the CHARM and CPI program coordinators listed below. **Frequent absences or other indications of negative participation could result in removal from the program and termination of stipend and travel reimbursements.**

19. What if I encounter challenges this summer? Who do I reach out to for what?

Your first point of contact for anything programmatic for each cohort are:
CPI Coordinator: Dr. Katie Herbert (herbertk@udel.edu)
CHARM Coordinator: Mr. Joseph Madanat (jmadanat@udel.edu)

If you have a specific logistical question about a reimbursement or housing issue, please contact your REU coordinators.

For lab/research questions, you will have a designated graduate student or postdoc who will serve as your primary mentor.

If you want to speak to someone with discretion or to get advice, please reach out to Dr. Katie Herbert (herbertk@udel.edu).