Congratulations on being selected to attend the Advanced Computing for Earth Sciences (ACES) program!

Now that you have been accepted into the program, it is time to start preparing for your visit. This document contains important information that will make your time in Charlottesville easier and more enjoyable. Please review it carefully!

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Housing accommodations

The ACES 2016 housing accommodations are located at:

**Weedon House (part of the Hereford Residential College complex)**

235 Hereford Drive, Charlottesville, VA  22904
**Bus Routes:** NorthLine, U-Loop


Each bedroom is furnished with the following items:
- 1 or 2 extra-long twin junior loft beds [80" x 36"]
- 1 or 2 desks with carrels and chairs
- 1 or 2 dressers
- 1 or 2 wardrobes
- Window blinds (must be left in place)
- Carpeted floors
- Wireless connection to the University's computer network
- Air conditioning
Facilities and services in the area:
- Slaughter Rec, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Scott Stadium
- Runk Dining Hall
- Study and TV lounges
- Meeting space and computer lab
- Playing fields and gardens
- Bus service every 20 minutes
- Walking and biking trails
- Mail room and laundry facilities
- Student kitchens in each building
- Emergency phones and lighted pathways

Guests will be provided with a pillow, mattress cover, sheets, pillow case, blanket, towels, wash cloths, bath mat, and a return laundry bag.

**NOTE:** U.Va.’s housekeeping staff will make the bed, remove trash from the bedroom and common areas, and sanitize the bathrooms daily. Personal belongings must be removed from common living areas and bathrooms in order for the housekeepers to clean; housekeeping will deny service to any guest who does not comply with this request. Guests may not ask the housekeepers to return at a later time. Doing so will result in forfeiture of housekeeping services for that day.

Be sure to pack (or else be prepared to purchase) personal toiletries including soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

*Please see the transportation section for transportation options and directions to Weedon House.*

**Check-in procedure**

**Time & Date:** 2:00 pm – 5:00pm* Tuesday, May 31st 2016

**Location:** Outside of Weedon

*All guests arriving outside of the designated hours will need to check in at the Conference Services Office located in Gibbons House in the Alderman Road Residence Area (425 Treehouse Drive, Charlottesville, VA).*
Check-out procedure

**Time & Date:** 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.* Saturday, June 18, 2016

**Location:** Outside of Weedon

*All guests departing outside of the designated hours will need to check out at the Conference Services Office located in Gibbons House in the Alderman Road Residence Area.

**Important note:**

DO NOT LOSE YOUR ROOM KEY OR ACCESS CARD AND AVOID DAMAGING HOUSING FACILITIES. Guests assume all responsibility and costs associated with lost keys/access cards and damaged housing facilities. 2016 replacement costs: $100 per room key, $25 per access card.

**Welcome Package:**

You will receive a flash stick (containing class notes), a backpack, a t-shirt and a notepad (including binder and pen).

Within your backpack you will find a map of U.Va.’s Grounds, guidelines for acquiring wireless access, some brochures on Charlottesville and U.Va., your badge and lanyard, the program schedule, and a welcome letter containing important contacts and some tips on the local Charlottesville scene.

**Wireless Connection:**

Your welcome Packet will include a passcode and instructions that will enable you to connect to U.Va.’s wireless network for the duration of the program. **PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PASSCODE AFTER THE INITIAL SETUP.**

**Parking Passes:**

Parking passes will be distributed at check-in to those students who requested them in advance. Students must have an S-9 parking permit to park in the Hereford College Residence Area. Detailed information about permit parking and dealing with parking tickets can be found at U.Va.’s Parking and Transportation Website: [http://www.virginia.edu/parking](http://www.virginia.edu/parking). Any parking
ticket questions and concerns must be addressed directly with Parking and Transportation Services and cannot be negotiated with Conference Services or ACES staff.

**Gym Passes:**

Students who wish to purchase a temporary gym membership should go to the Intramural-Recreational Sports business office weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:30 pm to buy the pass. The IM-Rec Sports office is located on the second floor of the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

http://recsports.virginia.edu/connect

When you arrive on Grounds, you should tell the IM-Rec Sports staff that you are attending the ACES summer program and would like to purchase a visitor pass. By that time, IM-Rec Sports will have a participant roster that verifies your status as an ACES student. Please note: Gym membership fees are not covered by the ACES program. You will need to pay these fees out of pocket.

**Classes:**

All lectures and labs will take place in the Mechanical Engineering building (MEC). Using the map which will be provided in the welcome packet, you will be able to locate the Mechanical Engineering Building at H6 on the grid (building 62).

Lectures will take place in MEC205 and labs will take place in MEC215. Lunch will be served daily in the Albert H. Small Building, room 112.

**Getting Here:**

Charlottesville, VA is relatively close to Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA. The latter two cities are major transportation hubs with direct service to Charlottesville.

**Air Travel:**

Charlottesville Albemarle Airport (CHO) www.gocho.com

Airport Address: 100 Bowen Loop Charlottesville, VA 22911
US Airways Express, United Airlines, American Eagle and Delta Connection serve the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Airport (CHO). CHO offers direct flights to and from Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Washington D.C. (Dulles), New York (LaGuardia), and Philadelphia.

From CHO, you can take a taxi or rent a car to get to the dormitory housing facilities (Weedon) at the University of Virginia.

For more information about car rentals and taxi services at CHO, see:

http://www.gocho.com/index.php/transportation/rental-cars

Richmond International Airport (RIC) www.flyrichmond.com

Airport Address: 1 Richard E Byrd Terminal Drive Richmond, VA 23250

Airport Phone: 1 (804) 226-3000

Seven air carriers serve Richmond International Airport—AirTran Airways, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, United Airlines, US Airways and Air Canada.

From RIC, you can take a taxi, rental car or limousine to the dormitory housing facilities (Weedon) at the University of Virginia.

For more information about ground transportation at RIC, see:

http://www.flyrichmond.com/index.php/ground-transportation

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm

Airport Address: 1 Saarinen Circle Sterling, VA 20166

Airport Phone: 1 (703) 572-2700

Thirty-three air carriers serve Washington Dulles International Airport including all of the major U.S national and international carriers. It is well-connected to cities all over the world.
From IAD, you can take a taxi, rental car or limousine to the dormitory housing facilities (Weedon) at the University of Virginia. Keep in mind however that taxi/limousine service from D.C. to Charlottesville is expensive. Renting a car or taking the train from Union Station to Charlottesville are better options.

**For more information about ground transportation at IAD, see:**

[http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/793.htm](http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/793.htm)

**Train Travel:**

The Charlottesville Amtrak station is conveniently located close to U.Va.’s Grounds. For more information or to book a trip by train, see [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

**Bus Travel:**

The Charlottesville Greyhound station is also located close to U.Va.’s Grounds. For more information or to book a trip by bus, see [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

**Taxis:**

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