



Clarkson University

Honors “Pre-Frosh” & REU² Summer Research Program Participant Information & FAQs Summer 2019

Registration, Housing, and Food Service

Pre-Frosh and REU² participants are asked to arrive on campus on Sunday, June 30, 2019 between 12:00pm and 4:00pm to pick-up room keys and registration materials in the Honors Program office in Price Hall. Participants can then move into their on-campus housing assignment. Orientation for Pre-Frosh and REU² students will then begin at 4:00pm. A specific Orientation schedule will be shared with students this summer. Participants are required to vacate on-campus housing no later than 12:00pm, on Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Summer Research Program housing assignments are TBD in Woodstock Apartments. Each participant will be provided an \$80/week meal stipend. Dining facilities on campus are limited in the summer.

Campus Facilities

Washers and dryers are located on campus and are free.

Our Schuler Indoor Recreation Center will be open providing access to a swimming pool, track, basketball, tennis, volleyball, badminton, and racquetball courts. The fitness center has weight training and exercise equipment and a sauna. The field house allows only athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Most outdoor athletic equipment can be borrowed at the Recreation building; however, you may wish to bring your own tennis racket, baseball glove, or other sports equipment.

Emergencies

In an emergency, contact Campus Safety at 315-268-6666. We will also have 1-2 Summer Resident Advisors (RAs) on-call every night.

Important Rules

While attending the Honors Summer Research Program you are a student of Clarkson University and should be aware of our policies. You are expected to follow [Clarkson University Regulations](#).

Violations of the above will result in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the program.

Pre-Frosh and REU² Honors Summer Research Program participation requires a five-week long commitment. Students are required to live on-campus during the program. In order to assure full

participation in all aspects of the program, no leave from campus will be permitted unless prior arrangements have been made with the program director. We hope that students will enjoy an uninterrupted immersion in the program.

What to Bring

Necessary changes of clothing (Informal summer attire as well as work-appropriate clothing. Long pants and closed-toe shoes required for labs.)
Professional attire (suit -pants or skirt- or you can wear a nice pair of pants and a shirt for closing conference)
Sweater, sweatshirt and/or jacket
Bathing suit
Non-marking athletic shoes
Sandals (for bathroom/shower)
Toiletry articles (soap, toothpaste, towels, etc.)
Rain wear
Flashlight
Alarm clock
Fan (box or personal)-apartments do not have A/C!
Cell phone
Laundry detergent
Lock for lockers
Personal identification
Insect repellent
Sun screen
Notebook
Pens and pencils
Room light
Wash cloths, towels
Blankets, sheets (extra long)
Pillowcases, pillows
Dishes, silverware, cookware and anything used for personal cooking
Power strips (no extension cords permitted)
Laptop or personal computer
LAN cable (for internet access)
Passport (for possible trip to Canada)
Things to do for fun (games, movies, hobby, etc)
Backpack
Beach towel
Hangers
Basic first-aid
Sports equipment
Cleaning supplies

Computers

Computers are available at various locations throughout the campus. If you choose to bring your

own computer, network connections are available in each bedroom. You can set up your computer account by going to clarkson.edu/welcome.

Transportation

All participants are required to provide their own transportation to and from the program.

Students bringing an automobile to campus must register the vehicle with Campus Safety as soon as they arrive on campus.

Bus service to Potsdam is available with [Trailways of New York](#) (800-858-8555). If you fly into Syracuse, you can take a Trailways bus to Potsdam and ask the driver to drop you off on campus.

Transportation on Campus

Housing is located in close proximity to the research facilities and to all other campus amenities. The center of the Village of Potsdam, which provides access to shopping, dining, and recreation, is approximately one mile away from campus. A personal car allows for the exploration of the area, including the Adirondack State Park.

If you are not bringing a car, you might want to consider bringing a bike for getting around Potsdam.

Area Lodging

For parents wishing to stay in the area in order to drop off or pick up students, the following local hotels/motels are recommended:

Clarkson Inn, Potsdam	315-265-3050
Hampton Inn, Potsdam	315-265-0100
Scottish Inns, Potsdam	315-265-6700
Northern Family Motel, Potsdam	315-265-4640
Potsdam Inn, Potsdam	315-265-0709
Best Western, Canton	315-386-8522
Comfort Suites, Canton	315-386-1161

Televisions

Hook ups for televisions are available in individual rooms. However, students will need to bring their own T.V., if they desire.

Mail

Pre-Frosh students will be issued a mailbox when you arrive on campus. This will be the same mailbox number you will use during your four years at Clarkson. Your mailbox will be located in the basement level of the Student Center.

Pre-Frosh Summer Research Participants can receive mail addressed as follows:

(Name)
Clarkson University
10 Clarkson Avenue, Box (your box #)
Potsdam, NY 13699-(your box #)

REU² students can have mail sent to c/o The Honors Office, Box 5755, Potsdam, NY 13699.

Student Health Center

Health clinic service is available to students in the Summer Research Program at the Student Health Center located on the first floor of the ERC. The clinic is staffed by a care provider from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. First-aid trained campus safety staff are on call throughout the evening and night hours.

It is essential that the clinic has a completed health history form for each student. Under New York State Health Department regulations, you cannot be admitted to the program without having this form completely filled out. You received this form after you paid your deposit to Clarkson. Please note that you should have health insurance to cover medical treatment for illnesses beyond the capability of the Student Health Center.

Do I have to do summer research?

No, it is not required. It is an option that is offered every summer until you graduate (as long as you remain in good standing with the Honors Program). It's a great opportunity to get some research experience, get to know faculty and graduate students, and make friends with other students in a relatively relaxed environment before the crazy rush of school starts.

What do you mean by "research"?

Research is a general term for all kinds of scholarship that is done at a "research university" like Clarkson. Faculty may be engaged in cutting edge science in state-of-the-art laboratories, or they could be developing business plans for start-up companies, or examining human resource policies in large corporations. They might be studying the history of medicine or writing plays, they might be designing software or implanting hardware solutions, or they could be developing video games and building models.

Do I have to come for the whole time?

There is some flexibility, but five weeks is already a very short time to make progress on a project. Generally, it is possible to miss a day or two, so you may want to take a long weekend, for example. If your graduation falls on the same weekend as the

summer research start date, you will be allowed to arrive on Monday instead of Sunday. Of course, you have to let the Honors office know this at the time of your application and this has to be approved by your faculty mentor.

How do I apply to the Pre-Frosh Summer Research program?

Complete the online application by June 3, 2019.

Pre-Frosh:

<https://goo.gl/forms/csqIZgYX8PCG1Y8Q2>

REU2:

<https://goo.gl/forms/l7Q4WRyFanla6kJJ2>

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible!

How are students selected for the Pre-Frosh & REU² program?

Pre-Frosh: Any student admitted to the Honors Program is eligible to apply for the Pre-Frosh Summer Research Program.

REU²: You are invited to apply for the REU² program if you are a student of color or a first-generation college student studying at a two-year institution with the intent to transfer to a four-year institution to complete an undergraduate degree. You should have high academic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.7) and an excellent record of leadership and service. Up to 8 students will be accepted each summer.

How many students participate in the Pre-Frosh Summer Research program?

Typically, up to half of the new class will attend summer research, in addition to approximately 30 upper-class Honors students. In total, there are over 100 undergraduate summer researchers at Clarkson in any given summer.

How are projects and mentors assigned?

Based upon information that you provide us, the Honors Program will find you a faculty mentor and they will assign you to an appropriate project. Often you will be working with other summer students who will be able to help you learn the ropes in the lab or in the field.

How much does it cost?

It does not cost anything. We pay your housing cost and provide a modest meal stipend. You will need money for additional food purchases and spending money for trips and outings.

Can I contact my roommates before I come?

Yes, that would be a great idea. Housing assignments and roommate contact information will be sent out in June. If you are housed with an upper-class student, they may already have appropriate kitchen items, but you can check with them to see if there is anything you need to bring. If you are with other first-years then you might want to coordinate with them. It's also a nice idea just to say hello to your roommates and get to know them a little before you come. We can provide you with emails of your roommates.

Can I contact my faculty advisor before I come?

Normally, your faculty advisor will contact you, but if you do not hear from them you may initiate contact. You might want to ask if there is anything you can do to prepare (some faculty advisors like to assign introductory reading for an example).

Do I have to attend weekly luncheon meetings?

Yes, you have to attend all mandatory meetings. This also includes Orientation, lab safety training, and an advising meeting with Dr. Goss (Honors Director) and any other meetings that may be scheduled.

Do I have to present my work at the RAPS Conference?

Yes, this is a requirement of all students who come to summer research. You have the option of doing an oral or poster presentation. If you are unable to attend the conference we need to know in advance and you will have to present your research at the spring RAPS Conference or another equivalent conference.

What are some of the other requirements of pre-frosh summer research?

You will have to do a final report on your project as well as present at the RAPS Conference.

What else is there to do during summer research outside of research?

There will be two upper-class Honors Resident Advisors (RAs) who will coordinate different programs and events throughout the summer research experience. These will range from swimming, athletic events, hikes, board game nights, potluck dinners, and BBQs. Historically students have taken trips to Lake Placid, NY, Ottawa, Canada or Enchanted Forest and Water Safari in Old Forge, NY.