Information for Princeton Interns

Here is some information to help you in planning your travel to and stay in Princeton.

Getting To/From and Around Princeton

By plane…

NEC Labs is equidistant, just over an hour, from either the Newark International Airport (EWR) http://www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html or the Philadelphia Airport (PHL) http://www.phl.org/Pages/HomePage.aspx, however, the linking transport options are better from Newark. The New York City airports, JFK and LaGuardia, are also options but the ground transport to/from them is far more cumbersome.

Here are some travel options from Newark Airport:

- Airport Shuttle – the Holiday Inn (South Brunswick) stop is the building next to NEC (about ¼ mile away) http://www.stateshuttle.com/
- New Jersey Transit Train – Newark Liberty International Airport stop will take you from the airport to Princeton Junction http://www.njtransit.com

By train…

From New York City – Penn Station
Take NJ Transit train (Northeast corridor line) to Princeton Junction (www.njtransit.com)

By automobile…

For those who plan to drive to work, NEC Labs offers free, on-site parking. Driving directions to the lab are at http://www.nec-labs.com/contact-us/directions.

OR…

For those of you who get your exercise by biking to work, NEC Labs has both bike racks and bike lockers for your convenience. Please refer to Biking Information http://www.nec-labs.com/contact-us/directions/bike-princeton for directions using the canal tow path from Princeton.

While there is some public transportation service (bus) in the Princeton area, having a car (or a roommate/friend with a car 😊) is recommended. If you’re considering renting a car during your stay, you might want to look into a mini-lease (minimum 2 months) under our corporate agreement with Avis. Contact Candace Greer, Candace.greer@avisbudget.com and mention NEC Labs.

Travel Reimbursement

If you plan to fly, we will reimburse you for the cost of a reasonable round-trip ticket via the most direct route between your university and Princeton. We will also reimburse baggage fees and local transportation to and from airports.

If you plan to drive, we will reimburse mileage for the most direct route between your university and Princeton to a maximum of $1,000 round trip. We will also reimburse tolls. Gas, food, and overnight accommodations are not eligible for reimbursement. Receipts are required. Your group Admin Assistant will help you with the reimbursement process upon your arrival.
Housing
In many university towns there are more sublets available than there is demand—unfortunately that’s not the case in the Princeton area. Downtown Princeton is not within walking distance of NEC Labs’ office, which is located just off Route 1 (a heavily traveled 2-4 lane highway). Check out a map of the area around our office park here: http://www.discoverymap.com/princeton-nj. From the Map View drop down select Overview, then select Full Page. Many formers interns found housing in Princeton or Plainsboro.

Former interns have used Craig’s List, airbnb, padmapper, rent.com and radpad to find housing. You might also try housing near Princeton University
Tiger Trade: http://ttrade.tigerapps.org/?category=Ho&listingType=A&order=R&query=  
Princeton Packet http://www.packetonline.com/

In addition, we have contracted with two local hotels at special rates. When making reservations mention you’re affiliated with NEC.
Sonesta ES Suites (609) 951-0009 http://www.sonesta.com/Princeton/  
Extended Stay (732) 438-5010 http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/

To give you a point of reference for the cost of housing in the Princeton area, last year’s interns indicated their rent ranged from $600-$1,600/month with the median being $800.

Shipping
If you need to ship personal items to Princeton, we will reimburse these expenses to a maximum of $100.

Orientation
New hire orientation for interns is held on Mondays and/or the first day of the month. You’ll be contacted about the specific date and time you should attend. Be sure to bring the appropriate identification and work authorization with you.

Leisure Time
For information about what’s going on around Princeton at any given time...
http://www.pacpub.com/ and click on the Princeton Packet in the left-hand column and then the Entertainment tab.
http://www.princetononline.com/

Love roller coasters...Six Flags Great Adventure is a large amusement park about 45 minutes from Princeton.

New Jersey has some beautiful beaches within an hour’s drive http://www.visitnj.org/beaches and nice state parks http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/parkindex.html.

McCarter Theatre in downtown Princeton offers musical concerts, performance arts, and ballets.
http://www.mccarter.org/home.aspx?page_id=1

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