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 Allowance
You will receive a $1,000 lump sum travel allowance to cover your round-trip relocation expenses, including airfare/mileage, airport transportation, shipping, etc. if applicable.

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: https://www.visitprinceton.org/trip-planning/maps/. Many former 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  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/
  - *Summer 2017 Deal*
    - Studio Suite at South Brunswick location only
    - $45 nightly rate if sign a 3 month lease
    - Includes tax, utilities, cable, shuttle service, breakfast and 3 lite dinners per week
    - Contact: James Ales at jales@sonesta.com or (848)702-1595

- **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 $500-$2,000/month with the median being $800.

**Housing/Transportation Allowance**
You will receive a $2,500 lump sum allowance to help offset the costs of local housing and commuting costs.

**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.princetononline.com/ and click on Things to Do and See.

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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