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](http://www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html) or the Philadelphia Airport (PHL) [http://www.phl.org/Pages/HomePage.aspx](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 not as easy.

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/](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](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 car…
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](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](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/](https://www.visitprinceton.org/trip-planning/maps/). 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 http://ttrade.tigerapps.org/?category=Ho&listingType=A&order=R&query=
CentralJersey.com http://www.centraljersey.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 2019 Deal (May thru August)*
    - Studio Suite at South Brunswick location only
    - $62 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 $600-$1,500/month with the median being $975.

**Housing/Transportation Allowance**
You will receive a $3,000 lump sum allowance to help offset the costs of local housing and commuting costs.

**Orientation**
New hire orientation for interns is held on Mondays. 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. http://www.sixflags.com/greatAdventure/index.aspx

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.