RIT REU Welcome and Program Information

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Hi everyone,

Once again, welcome to the RIT Multimessenger REU program!

The full cohort is now finalized, so I wanted to take a moment to introduce you all to each other and your mentors. Please feel free to reach out to your mentor to discuss your project.

Christina Aintablian, Liberty University (Mentor: Michael Zemcov)
Lejla Cehic, SUNY Broome Community College (Mentor: Jeyhan Kartaltepe)
Isaac Cellabos, Porterville College (Mentor: Michael Richmond)
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Ella Mansfield, Cornell University (Mentor: Andy Robinson)
Sophiya Mehra, University of Maryland (Mentor: Richard O'Shaughnessy/Muhammad Zeeshan)
Ilaria Perrini, Vanderbilt University (Mentor: Andy Robinson)
Alec Stassforth, Santa Barbara City College (Mentor: Jason Nordhaus/Bailey Filer)
John Trevino, University of Texas (Mentor: Jeyhan Kartaltepe)

The program officially begins on **Tuesday, May 27, which is the day after Memorial Day and end on Friday, August 1**. Move in will be Saturday/Sunday prior. Since Monday is a holiday, things on campus will be closed, so please plan to arrive on Saturday or Sunday. Move out will be either Friday August 1 or Saturday August 2. Once you have made travel plans, please let me know the details of when you plan to arrive.

If you wish to fly to Rochester, the airport code is ROC, it's only a few miles away from campus. There is also a train station served by Amtrak, a bus station, and various bus services operating from NYC and other cities. Regardless of where you arrive, we can arrange a pickup from there and drop-off on campus (and a drop-off back on the final day too).

We provide all students with a $500 travel allowance to cover travel costs. If you anticipate that your costs will be larger, please contact myself and Wenli Chen, cc'd here, and we can work to defray all of your travel costs. If purchasing a ticket may present a financial hardship, contact us about that too, we can likely help in that case as well.

On-campus housing will be provided in a campus apartment. These are suites of four with individual bedrooms and shared common areas. The apartments are fully furnished and include bedding and towels, but you will need to bring your own kitchen supplies. We have some basic kitchen supplies on hand from last year (plates, silverware, glasses, some pots and pans) that you are all welcome to use.

Wenli Chen will be reaching out to set up RIT ID accounts and payment info. Stay tuned!

Best,
Jeyhan Kartaltepe