

Travel for REU2003

Recall that part of the “package” of the REU program is to provide you with one round-trip travel expense between your home or school and Cornell.

Air Travel

The National Science Foundation guidelines require you to use US carriers in coach class seating for air travel. Even within that restriction the amount of money for air travel can vary greatly, so we ask you to plan ahead and look at options to minimize the cost to the program without incurring undue hardship on your part (no sleeping overnight in airport waiting lounges!).

Ithaca has an airport with the primary carrier being USAir. There is good service between here and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Syracuse has a much larger airport with many carriers and direct flights and often less expensive fares (more competition!). It is about 75 minutes by car to the airport, and a taxi/limo would cost about \$50, which of course is part of the travel reimbursement.

Automobile

We will reimburse mileage up to 1000 miles (that’s round-trip or 500 miles each way) at roughly \$0.36/mile (the rate changes a bit from time to time), as well as covering the cost of tolls. If you plan to park at either Edgemoor and/or Wilson Laboratory you should contact Cornell Transportation Services **before** you arrive (607-255-4600) to arrange for permits. The summer 2002 permit cost was \$158, which allowed parking both at Edgemoor and the campus near the Laboratory; we anticipate it to be perhaps 10% higher for 2003.

Other Modes of Travel

Ithaca does have frequent bus service from NYCity (about a 5 hour ride). Amtrak goes to Syracuse, but seems plagued with delays.

Be sure to keep receipts for anything over \$5.

Cornell Housing Occupancy

For our group housing at Edgemoor, the absolute latest checkout is 10:00AM, Saturday 9 August. Your last commitment to the REU program ends at noon the day before, 8 August. The earliest move-in time is 2:00PM Saturday, 31 May.