UMBC Campus Logistics

Directions. When you arrive at the airport, please take a taxi to the UMBC campus. It’s a short distance from BWI airport and can be reached via I-195. The main address is 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250. You will be staying at Patapsco Hall. To get there from the main campus entrance (UMBC Boulevard), make a right on Hilltop Circle at the 2nd traffic circle. If you see heavy construction, you’ll know you’re in the right place! Turn left on Commons Drive, make a right on Park Road, then another right onto Poplar Avenue. Patapsco Hall is located at the corner of Hilltop Circle and Poplar Avenue (one-way street). There is a campus map on the seaphages.org website with SEA-PHAGES locations highlighted at http://seaphages.org/meetings/9/.

To enter Patapsco Hall, use the left most Poplar Avenue entrance (the one closest to Park Road). You’ll see the dorm registration desk behind the glass doors. Stop by the SEA-PHAGES registration desk in the classroom (rm. 161), which is located across from the dorm registration desk. We’ll help you get situated.

If you are driving to campus, park in front of the Patapsco Hall entrance, come in to the registration desk to get your room key and parking pass (unload your belongings), and then move your vehicle to any parking space designated “C”. There are many easy access “C” parking spaces surrounding the dorm.

Dorm Life. Your stay will include full immersion into the college campus experience. The dorm rooms are suite-style. You will have a private room with a sink and vanity mirror. Your room will connect to another participant’s room through a shared shower and toilet with locking doors on either side. Be mindful not to lock your suite-mate out of the bathroom when you’re not using it.

The dorm will provide: 2 flat sheets, 1 bath towel, 1 hand towel, 1 pillow with pillowcase, 1 light blanket, toilet paper. HHMI will provide shampoo, conditioner and bar soap with the materials provided at registration.

Feel free to bring items that would enrich your dorm experience (such as your favorite pillow, fitted sheet (twin tall), flip flops for the shower, etc.). Rooms are not equipped with irons, hairdryers, or garbage cans. We will provide you with garbage bags. The dorm staff has asked that at the end of your stay, you take your garbage(s) to one of the garbage rooms (located on each floor).

There is a laundry room on the first floor with coin operated washer and dryer. The machines take quarters ($1.25 per load). We will provide laundry detergent if you need it. There is a communal refrigerator on the first floor, and vending machines (Pepsi products and snacks) next to the registration desk.

Meals. Meals and snacks will be catered. Breakfast will likely be served in the dorm (Patapsco Hall). Lunch and dinner will be served in the Meyerhoff Chemistry building, near the lab. Evening refreshments will be in the Commons Game Room.

Computers. We encourage you to bring a laptop to the workshop. Some of the assignments will require accessing various websites. The entire campus has free wi-fi.

What to wear. Everyone should dress comfortably. There will be a fair amount of walking outside, and there will be a good bit of time on your feet in the lab. We strongly encourage everyone to wear comfortable, close-toed shoes. Lab coats will be provided.

Fitness. Although everyone will be working hard at the workshop, there will be access to the fitness center and outdoor lap pool. The main campus road is a 1.8 mile loop and is great for running or walking.

Anything Else. If you have forgotten anything, please don’t be afraid to ask HHMI staff.