

Welcome to iPREP!

Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS)

June 2017

What is iPREP?

International-Preparatory & Regulatory Education Program

is a mandatory orientation for all new undergraduate international students. iPREP will be held **August 11-12, 2017**. At iPREP you will learn about maintaining your visa status in the U.S., make connections with OISS staff, meet other international students, and spend time resting, settling in, and shopping before the campus-wide O-Week (Orientation Week) begins.

Meet Your iPREP Student Staff

- ◆ **Andrea, Colombia**
Architecture
- ◆ **Helene, Switzerland**
Architecture
- ◆ **Agnes, China**
Mathematics &
Mathematical Economic
Analysis
- ◆ **Andy, United Kingdom**
Civil & Environmental
Engineering
- ◆ **Seohee, South Korea**
Mathematical
Economic Analysis &
Mathematics
- ◆ **Anthea, China**
Mathematical Economic Analysis &
Psychology



To-Do List:

- Make visa arrangements
- Plan travel to the U.S. on August 10
- Reserve your hotel room before the **July 13th** deadline (see pg. 2)
- Enroll in health insurance plan (see pg. 2)

"We can't wait to meet you in August! The student leaders, OISS staff, and I are busy planning for your arrival. I encourage you to check out our [iPREP webpage](#) for updates, and feel free to email questions to oiss@rice.edu."

- Jenny Brydon, Sr. Manager, International Advising & Programs, iPREP Organizer

Make iPREP Hotel Reservations

Dates:

Check-in Thursday, August 10th

Check-out Sunday, August 13th

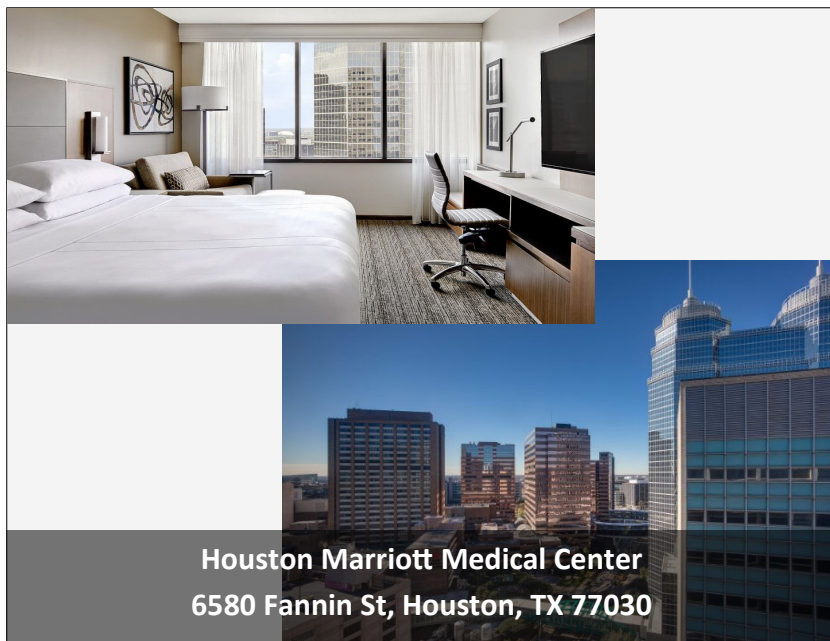
iPREP Rates:

\$139 + tax/per day for an individual room. If you choose to share with another iPREP student, your cost will be \$69.50 + tax per day. If you would like to make reservations for dates outside of August 10-13, please contact the hotel directly for their best available rates.

Making reservations:

In order to make reservations for Thursday, August 10th - Sunday, August 13th, please complete an online survey [by clicking here](#). The deadline for reserving your room is Thursday, July 13, 2017. After July 13th you will not be able to reserve a spot at the hotel for the iPREP price. You may choose to have your own room, or share with another iPREP student. If you choose to share, we will match you with a roommate of the same gender.

Students can make hotel reservations here



Houston Marriott Medical Center
6580 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77030

Family Members:

Any family members who would like to reserve a room at the hotel should contact Marriott Reservations directly at 1-888-236-2427 or [click here](#) to make a reservation online.

Enroll in Health Insurance

Choose the health insurance that is right for you.

1. [Aetna Student](#)

(studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu)

- \$2,575/year for student
- Pay via Rice student bill

2. [SAS](#)

(alternative insurance plan)

- \$1,312/year for student
- Pay online
- Must also submit waiver out of Rice Aetna plan

More info visit the [OISS Student Health Insurance Webpage](#)



Things to do:

- Read the [iPREP website](#) for the most up-to date information
- Visit here for questions regarding [Housing](#) & [Dining](#)
- Visit here for questions regarding questions about [O-Week](#)
- Complete the [Student Health Form](#)

Please join us Parents & Family Members!

International Parent & Family Orientation

Time: 2:15-3:15pm, Friday, August 11, 2017

Place: Faculty Club (Cohen House, #19 on Campus Map)

