Welcome to I-PREP 2018

WHAT IS I-PREP?

I-PREP is a required check-in and orientation program for all new international undergraduate and exchange students. Students will review immigration regulations, complete the check-in process, and have time to shop for bedding, purchase a cell phone, and set up a bank account.

I-PREP will take place August 10 - 12, 2018
We recommend you arrive in Houston on Thursday, August 9, 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE I-PREP STAFF:

Your I-PREP Student Leaders: Brian, Mariana, Andrew, Sofia, Noor, Niky

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 http://oiss.rice.edu/iprep/ for updates, and feel free to email me questions at jenny@rice.edu.

Jenny Brydon,
Sr. Manager, Int’l Advising & Programs / I-PREP Organizer

TO DO LIST:

- Make visa arrangements
- Plan travel to the U.S. on August 9th
- Reserve your hotel room before the July 9th (see pg. 2)
- Enroll in health insurance plan (see pg. 2)
HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

HOTEL: Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center
6633 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77030-1308, USA

DATES: Check-in: Thursday, August 9 (beginning at 3:00 pm)
Check-out: Sunday, August 12, 2018
* Payment will be required at check-in

STUDENT RATES: $139 + tax per day - single room
$69.50 + tax per day - double room
* Rates exclusively for I-PREP students and families, and will be only valid for reservations made by July 9, 2018
* Students who choose to share a room will be matched with a roommate of the same gender
Click here for student reservations.

FAMILIES: The reservation process is different for family members and students.
Students staying with family members should register through the Family option, by clicking here.

ENROLLING IN HEALTH INSURANCE
All Rice F-1 and J-1 international students must purchase health insurance from one of the following providers:

Aetna (Rice’s Student Health Insurance Plan)
- $2,682/year
- Step 1: Enroll online
  (studenthealthinsurance.rice.edu)
- Step 2: Pay via Rice student bill

SAS (Rice’s Approved Alternate Health Insurance Plan for Internationals)
- $1,433/year
- Step 1: Go to the SAS website to complete the SAS Insurance Enrollment Form (click here)
- Step 2: Submit your premium payment online

THINGS TO DO
- Read the I-PREP website for the most up-to-date information
- Visit here for questions regarding Housing & Dining
- Visit here for 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 10, 2018
More information to come