Frequently Asked Questions: Summer@ICERM

Q. How do I know if I’m eligible to apply for this program?
A. The Summer@ICERM program is intended for students who are active undergraduates at the time of the program. Thus, applicants must not yet have graduated with an undergraduate degree at the time of the program start.

Q. What does the application consist of? Is it only the online application and the 2 reference letters, or are there other components?
A. Our application is very simple -- what you see on-line is really all we need. No need to send a statement or transcript. Your two reference letters are the items we're most interested in seeing.

Q. Can I start my application form and complete it at a later time?
A. We won't be fully reviewing the applications until after the February deadline. So you should be able to continuously edit and add to your application until the deadline.

Q. Is Summer@ICERM open to international students?
A. Funding is available for a limited number of students who are not US citizens or permanent residents. International students who have not yet graduated with an undergraduate degree at the time of the program start are encouraged to apply. ICERM will work with admitted international students to ensure they have the proper legal documentation needed to be with us.

Q. As an international student applying via “Mathprograms.org”, what should I answer for the “visa type” question?
A. ICERM will assist accepted international students with securing visas, so when filling out the online application, you can indicate that you will be traveling on a "J-1" visa.

Q. What should I do if some of my course and experience information does not fit in the space provided?
A. You can simply limit your information to those courses/experiences that pertain to the topic of the Summer@ICERM program, and/or your most recent (higher level) courses. However, if you feel you need to make ICERM aware of more details than space allows, just e-mail Ruth_Crane@icerm.brown.edu with a complete list or PDF; this addition will be shared with the organizers.

Q. I don’t yet have any college-level references. Can I use a high school math teacher as a reference?
A. Having a high school math teacher (or equivalent) as a reference is acceptable.

Q. My reference writer would prefer to mail his letter rather than upload on-line. Is that okay?
A. Yes. Reference letters can be mailed to: Ruth Crane, ICERM, Box 1995, Providence, RI 02912

Q. I am a Brown University student. Am I eligible to apply?
A. Yes, but you also need to submit a Brown UTRA application in addition to the Summer@ICERM application. Once you create your UTRA application, enter the following information: for “Sponsor's information” list Ruth Crane; for “Department” list Math; for “Phone number” list 401-863-5030; for “Sponsor Campus Box” list “1995”; for “Sponsor's Email”, list Ruth_Crane@icerm.brown.edu. Any other items you are unsure about, you should just type “Refer to ICERM”.

Q. Is the funding the same for an accepted Brown University student?
A. Accepted Brown University students will receive the $3,000 UTRA stipend in lieu of the Summer@ICERM funding package. They are not eligible to receive travel expense reimbursements, dormitory housing, or access to the meal plan.