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 and have never participated in the S@I program before. 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, the statement of interest, and the 2 reference letters; or are there other components?
A. Our application is very simple, though we do ask some questions about your math background. Your letter of intent and the two reference letters are the items we’re most interested in seeing. All items must be submitted via MathPrograms.org.

Q. Can I start my application form and complete it at a later time?
A. Yes. We won’t be fully reviewing the applications until after the deadline. Edit away until the applications close.

Q. Is Summer@ICERM open to international students?
A. Funding is available for a very limited number of students who are not US citizens or permanent residents. ICERM will work with admitted international students to ensure they have the proper legal documentation needed to attend the program. Please also note that there is a tax on the stipend for international students.

Q. As an international student applying via “Mathprograms.org,” what should I answer for the “visa type” question?
A. If you are not a US citizen or permanent resident, simply enter your visa type (if you already have one), or indicate if you will “need visa help.”

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, you will need to complete a MathPrograms.org application AND also contact info@icerm.brown.edu to indicate your interest in the program and learn about the I-Team UTRA available for Brown students.

Q. Is the funding the same for an accepted Brown University student?
A. Accepted Brown University students will receive either a stipend from Math or Applied Math (at the going UTRA rate), or be part of an I-TEAM UTRA grant in lieu of the Summer@ICERM funding package. Brown students are not eligible to receive travel expense reimbursements, dormitory housing, or access to meal plan.