

Summer Student Guide 2016

WELCOME

Congratulations! We warmly welcome you to the 2016 CERN openlab Summer Students Programme. You have been selected among more than 1400 applicants to work in a welcoming international environment.



Useful contacts

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Prior to your trip to Geneva, it is recommended that you add some important contacts to your cell phone/e-mail.

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Make sure you have also the contact details of your supervisor.

Upon your arrival at CERN, feel free to drop by our offices in case any help is needed (build. 513, 2nd floor, offices 005, 009, 012).

Using this Guide

The aim of this complementary guide is to provide helpful information for CERN openlab Summer Students. Here you will find an introduction to some useful arrival procedures, CERN life and social life in Geneva.

Discover CERN

What is the universe made of? How did it start? Physicists at CERN are seeking answers using some of the world's most powerful particle accelerators. For more information: www.home.cern



Explore Geneva



A customized Google Maps POIS has been created for openlab Summer Students, including icons and short descriptions of the most important points of interest that might be useful for your everyday life at CERN see: <http://goog.le/jilyHJ>

You can print or even import the map to your GPS application. You simply have to click 'KML', save the file into the right folder of your GPS application and it should work.

Arrival in Geneva

The hotel will provide a shuttle bus to ensure your transport from Geneva airport to the hotel. CERN also provides a shuttle service for transport around CERN and to/from the airport, more information can be found here:

<http://smb-dep.web.cern.ch/en/ShuttleService>



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A ticket to the center of Geneva costs 3.00CHF/€2.70 and can be bought using the automatic machine on the bus or on the platforms at tram stations. If you plan to use public transportation regularly, we recommend that you buy a monthly pass. Make sure to choose the one for both the Geneva and the French area.

Public transportation:

Geneva has a good public transport system. Some buses cross the border to the French Villages (such as bus Y or F). In order to find out the best route or just access the timetables, please consult www.tpg.ch Night buses also run from Geneva to CERN from Friday to Sunday, see the NA timetable on www.noctambus.ch



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Your Residence

You will be staying at the Business Park Hotel in Thoiry, France. The hotel is equipped with cooking facilities, therefore it might be a good idea to bring your own herbs and spices and invite your colleagues to a meal from your home country. For more information, you can visit www.business-park-hotel.com

Hotel facilities:

- Free wireless
- Washing facilities for your clothes - €5/machine
- Fitness room
- Limited room service which could be useful upon your arrival (some vegetarian alternatives available)

Practical facilities

- Val Thoiry – Shopping centre, has a Migros supermarket, pharmacy and clothing stores
- Carrefour – Supermarket in Saint-Genis-Pouilly
- Pubs – There are only a few places to drink in Saint-Genis-Pouilly, Charly's and ÔBrasseur are popular choices



Your stay at CERN

CERN Maps

Orienting yourself inside the CERN premises can be a bit confusing, as building numbering follows a tricky pattern. To help newcomers, CERN has created a map service website which can be found here: <https://maps.cern.ch> iPhone and Android users can also download the CERN Maps app. Facilities inside CERN include a Post Office, two restaurants and a branch of UBS Bank.



CERN social life

Languages

Note that CERN has two official languages, English and French. The language used during the Summer Students Programme will be English. In Geneva, although most of the people speak English, some basic French might help you in your everyday life.

Social Clubs

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CERN has a wide range of clubs, so you can have a look on the different clubs on this website: <http://home.cern/cern-people/clubs>

CERN restaurants

Summer students can benefit from the two restaurants located in the CERN Meyrin premises, which offer a wide variety of meals for 5-15 CHF.

CERN Market

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Anything you need at affordable prices:


<https://social.cern.ch/community/cern-market/SitePages/Community%20Home.aspx>

Online

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You can join the "Young@CERN" and "CERN openlab Summer Students 2016" groups on Facebook and keep up to date with everything that goes on during your Summer Students experience.





CERN online phonebook

In case you are looking for a specific person, you can search for their contact details using the CERN online phonebook (phonebook.cern.ch)



Emergency

- European Union /Switzerland: 112
- CERN Emergency: Swiss GSM Network 74444 or +41 22 767 4444
- Switzerland: 117 for Police, 144 for Ambulance and 118 for Fire Department
- France: 15 for Medical Emergency, 17 for Law Enforcement and 18 for



Weather

You will arrive in Geneva during summer. The weather conditions in Geneva can be unpredictable, with temperatures varying roughly from 10°C to 35°C.



Clothes

CERN has no dress-code, but you still need to bring appropriate clothing. Pants and shorts/skirts, t-shirts and pullovers are necessary, a good rain jacket can also be useful. We also suggest packing your running shoes, swimsuits and other sports equipment.

Calling and Data

Roaming in Switzerland can be very costly for non-EU countries. Otherwise EU regulations on roaming in Switzerland are as follows
outgoing calls 0.22€/min, incoming calls 0.05€/min, SMS 0.06€, MMS 0.23€, data 0.23€/Mo.

For EU numbers roaming in the EU as of April 2016:

Outgoing voice calls (per minute)	domestic price + up to €0.05
Incoming voice calls (per minute)	€0.0114
Outgoing texts (per SMS message)	domestic price + up to €0.02
Online (data download, per MB*)	domestic price + up to €0.05

**From 30 April 2016 onwards, the roaming fee equal to domestic price + €0.05 may not exceed €0.19 for voice and €0.20 for data. The roaming fee equal to domestic price + €0.02 may not exceed €0.06 for SMS.

You can find more information on the new tariffs here:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/roaming-tariffs>

However, if you want to have a Swiss number, there are a lot of companies that provide prepaid SIM cards like Mucho, Lycamobile, Migros (M Budget), Coop (Pronto), Aldi (Aldi Suisse Mobile), Lebara, Yallo... There are also French prepaid SIM cards which you can find in every kiosk in France.

Places not to miss while at CERN

In Switzerland:

- Montreux and nearby Château Chillon - by train
- Gruyère - The fastest rail trip from Geneva to Gruyères will get you there in just under two hours, with one change of trains at Palézieux. Trains leave every hour.
- Lausanne - by train

In France:

- Annecy it is possible to take a bus either from the airport, the train station or the bus station - for more information www.frossard.eu
- Chamonix and Mont-Blanc - 2 buses every day from Geneva Bus Station and Airport www.chamonix.com

Other beautiful towns not far from Geneva are: Dijon, Lyon, Besançon, Turin, Milan, Genoa and Nice.

Further travel

It is also easy to travel further with plenty of flight companies offering cheap flights from Geneva to other interesting destinations. It is important to keep in mind however that where you can go may be limited by the kind of visa that you have. If you have a Schengen visa you are probably limited to stay in Schengen countries for a maximum of 90 days. Check this before you book travel plans before or after your stay at CERN.

Festivals

Everything comes to life during summer with many events and festivals taking place around Geneva and not only. Some of them to put in your calendar.

CineGlobe Estival, 6-10 July 2016

CineGlobe Estival will celebrate science and technology in daily life, with a varied programme of fun and accessible activities and movies that appeal to a wide audience! The festival will include an open-air cinema, film projections in the Globe of Science and Innovation at CERN, and the interactive Emotional Circus, carnival-inspired games with a neuroscience twist. <http://cineglobe.ch/>

Paléo Festival de Nyon 19-24 July 2016

The Paléo Festival de Nyon is an annual rock festival held in Nyon, Switzerland, between Geneva and Lausanne. Paléo Festival is today one of Europe's most important musical events. Each year, more than 250 concerts and shows are on offer to the 230,000 members of the public who fill the Festival's 84-hectare Asse site (car parks included), situated above the town of Nyon. The festival is usually sold out before it even starts but the organizers set aside 1500 tickets that will be on sale from 9 a.m. every day of the Festival on the website and at Ticketcorner outlets. <http://yeah.paleo.ch/en>

Geneva Lake Festival 4-14 August 2016

The Geneva Lake Festival offers an entirely new concept for the idyllic setting of Geneva's harbour! Over a ten day period, the lake shore enjoys the best Geneva evenings, worldwide cuisine to delight your taste buds, as well as attractions to enchant the young, the old and everyone in between at heart. Get ready for the sound, light and pyrotechnic show that will illuminate "la Rade" and dazzle spectators on Saturday, 13 August! The festival is free but you can always book seats for greater comfort from the website below.

<http://www.fetesdegeneve.ch/2016/en/>