

Stanford FLTA Orientation

August 16-20, 2015

Things to Know Before You Go

Packing Your Bags

Pack a bag you can *carry-on the plane* with enough *essential* items and clothing for 3-4 days, just in case the airline temporarily loses your checked bags! It happens to one or two participants almost every year, so you want to be prepared. NOTE: There are no clothing irons or ironing boards in the residence. It is best to bring clothes that do not need ironing. If you must de-wrinkle your clothing, however, you may want to bring a garment steamer.

Using Electrical Appliances (brought from abroad)

Voltage of most electrical outlets in the US: 110 – 120 volts. You might want to bring a power adapter, converter or transformer with you. The Stanford Bookstore sells *plug* adapters but not *power* adapters (does not convert voltage).

Computer Use and Internet Access

The house will have a few laptop computers available in the lounge for shared use, if you do not have your own computer with you. There will be a time limit for each session to allow everyone a chance to use a computer. The computers are primarily for you to communicate via email with your family back home, etc., *not* for playing games and Internet-surfing. There will be free Wi-Fi access at the house for those who have their own laptops or tablets.

Exchanging Money

The best time and place for you to exchange currency is at the airport upon arrival. At Stanford the closest place is just outside of campus, but getting there takes some time and effort. There are automatic teller machines (ATM) to withdraw cash at the Wells Fargo Bank at Tresidder Memorial Union (on campus). Check with your bank to see if your debit/credit card can be used at U.S. ATMs.

Airport Transportation: Private Shuttle or Town Car (arranged by Stanford)

Available at fixed times throughout the day on **Sunday, August 16**. Driver will meet FLTAs at the baggage claim area holding a sign that says "**Stanford FLTA**" (or something similar – if in doubt, ask).

If you miss the Town Car or Shuttle

- 1) Call us at 650-796-9237 to let us know you missed your shuttle. You can probably take the next one.
- 2) If you are NOT able to take the next Stanford-arranged car, see other options below.

Door to Door Shuttle Options (if you miss the last car/shuttle arranged by Stanford)

Shared "door to door" shuttles are available at both San Francisco (SFO) and San Jose (SJC) airports every 10-30 minutes. At SFO: go upstairs from baggage claim, exit main doors, cross street and talk to staff member at one of the shuttle stops. At SJC you may have to call to arrange a pick-up. Tell driver you are going to this address: Stanford University, Stern Hall - Donner Residence, [618 Escondido Road](#).

South and East Bay Shuttle: toll free call within U.S. 1-800-548-4664

Bay Porter: 415-769-4063 or toll free 1-877-467-1800 (San Francisco airport only)

Super Shuttle: Book online or call toll free 1-800-258-3826

Taxi (if needed)

Go outside and across the street from baggage claim. Look for taxi sign and stand in line under/next to the sign.

Lost Luggage?

As mentioned above, please be sure to pack 3-4 days worth of clothing and essential items in your carry-on bag! If the airline temporarily loses your checked bag(s), before leaving the airport, go to the passenger services representative in the baggage claim area for your airline and file a claim for lost/missing luggage. Give the address of your residence at Stanford for the next 4 days (below), the Language Center phone number (650-796-9237), *any personal cell phone that you plan to use while at Stanford*, and your address at your next destination. We cannot be responsible for receiving your luggage after the FLTA Orientation.

Check-in at Stanford Residence (618 Escondido Road): Sunday, August 16, 10:00am - 6:00pm

[618 Escondido Road \(click for map\)](#)

Stanford University
Stanford, CA 94305

Special Driving Directions:

The drivers arranged by Stanford will already know how to arrive at Stern Hall - Donner. However, if you end up taking a shuttle or taxi on your own, or if you have a friend dropping you off, PLEASE do NOT try to use GPS navigation systems to arrive at the residence. You will likely get confused and misdirected. If coming from Highway 101, take the University Avenue exit and take University Ave west all the way into Stanford Campus until Campus Drive. Make a left onto Campus Drive and follow it around to Bowdoin Street (Do NOT take Escondido Road, despite the address above). Turn right at Bowdoin and follow it until the end (keep right at the fork). There will be signs for "FLTA Orientation."