

In-Person Logistics Information (at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida)

General Information

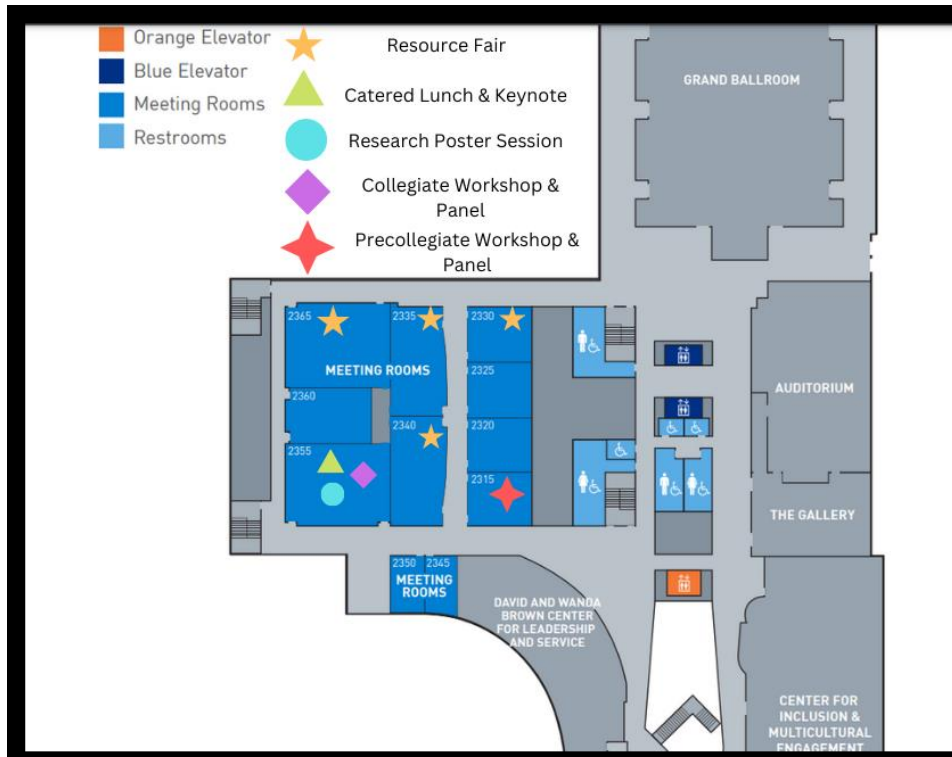
iDigTRIO 2023 Overview

- Tuesday, February 14, 2023: Shadowing/ Mentoring
- Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Shadowing/ Mentoring
- Thursday, February 16, 2023: In-person Conference Day
 - Resource Fair
 - Catered lunch with Keynote
 - Workshops and Panels
 - Student Research Session
 - Dinner/Reception and Keynote
- Friday, February 17, 2023: Shadowing/ Mentoring
- Saturday, February 18, 2023: Shadowing/ Mentoring
- Sunday, February 19, 2023: Shadowing/ Mentoring

All participants must follow the [iDigTRIO Code of Conduct](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to: Andrea Tham atham@aa.ufl.edu 352-392-0788 (office).

We are following the [University of Florida's COVID guidelines](#) so vaccinations and masking are HIGHLY encouraged.



The in-person conference day will take place at the [University of Florida in the Reitz Union](#) on the second floor on Thursday, February 16th.

Thursday, February 16, In-Person Day Agenda

- 10:00 am Check-In: Tablers (tables outside 2365)
- 10:30 am: Check-In: Participants (tables outside 2355 and/ 2365)
- 11:00am - Resource Fair (2330, 2335, 2340, 2365)
is a tabling event featuring biology-themed organizations from the University of Florida community and beyond.
- 12:00pm - Catered lunch with Keynote Dr. JC Buckner (University of Texas at Arlington) (2355)
- 1:15pm – Conference Workshops
 - 1:15Pre-collegiate Workshop: Applying to College (2315)
 - Randy Brown and Jennifer Towers (University of Florida)
 - 1:15Collegiate Workshop: Applying to Graduate School (2355)
 - Erin Rice (University of Florida) and Adania Flemming (Florida Museum, University of Florida)
- 2:15pm - Conference Panels
 - 2:15 Navigating Graduate School Panel 2355
 - James Brown, Dennis Parnell, Lameace Hussain and Aditi Jayarajan (University of Florida)
 - 2:15 Navigating College Panel 2315
 - Jieli Wegerif, Maya Victor, and Mikayla Agbamuche (University of Florida)

- 3:30 pm Student Research Workshop (Navigating research) 2355
- 4:00 pm Student Research Session 2355
- 5:30 pm - Dinner/Reception with Keynote (Arrendondo café 430pm-9pm)
 - 5:30pm line up for dinner and find seating
 - 6:00pm Announcements and Welcome
 - 6:15pm Keynote Jeremy Waisome
 - 6:45pm Keynote Q&A
 - 7:15pm networking and icebreaker activities

Mentoring, Shadowing, Tours and other Activities

- If you signed up for IN-PERSON career shadowing, then you will receive an email introducing you to your mentor soon if you haven't already. Mentoring will take place sometime between February 13-19, 2022. You and your mentor should work out the best time for your schedules. Your mentor will also tell you where on campus you should meet them. **If you have any questions about mentoring and shadowing reach out to Adania Flemming aflemming@flmnh.ufl.edu**
- If you signed up for virtual mentoring you were introduced to your mentor and should work out the best time to meet via ZOOM.
- For those that signed up for Florida Museum tours these are located at Powell Hall: 3215 Hull Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608. Go in through the front doors. Jonnie Dietz will be there waiting. If she is not, ask someone at the front desk to call her.
- For those that signed up for Campus Tours, these will be starting outside of the Office of Academic Support and iDigBio Classroom Building (CBD): 105 NW 16th St, Gainesville, FL 32603.
- We have other nature walks and outdoor activities available around campus and the city of Gainesville. Contact Molly at phillips.map@gmail.com if you are interested.

Navigating Campus

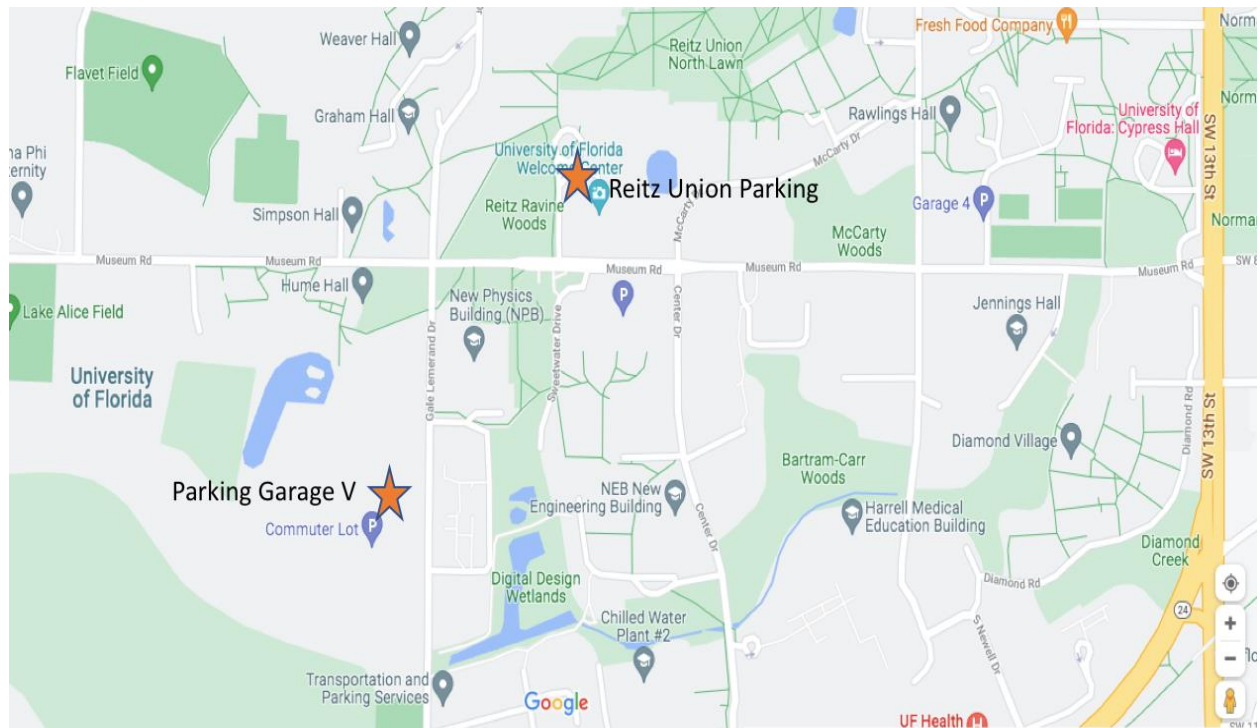
Campus Map: <https://campusmap.ufl.edu/#/index>

Reitz Union Map: https://union.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/1210220_Level_Maps.pdf

Please note that there is a lot of construction on campus so allow yourself extra time to navigate and reach out to your mentors and our team for help!

Campus-wide speed limit is 20 miles per hour and they will ticket!

Parking at UF



Map: Paid Parking at UF indicated by the orange stars-Parking Garage V and Reitz Union Parking.

- Directions to park on campus: You can park at the Reitz Union which charges \$2 for 45 minutes and \$6 for all day parking.
- If the Reitz Union parking is full, you can park in Parking Garage V which is next to the Commuter Parking Lot. It is a 5-minute walk to the Reitz Union.
- Note: There are several road closures on campus.
- The speed limit on campus is 20mph.

Buses at UF

REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS)

RTS provides public transportation covering most of Gainesville with frequent stops on bus routes throughout campus. For route information, please visit www.go-rts.com. A real-time GPS locator for buses is also available at ufl.transloc.com.

Rates: You can purchase a 24-hour pass directly from the bus driver for 3\$. Most often buss drivers don't even check for passes on campus but it is a good idea to carry a little bit of money just in case. For more fare info go here: <http://go-rts.com/fares-and-passes/>

RTS APPS: Download GNVriderts.app for your mobile device or riderts.app for your desktop for route information.

What to Wear

While we don't have an official dress code for the conference, we recommend you dress comfortably and professionally. Florida weather can vary wildly this time of year so be sure to bring layers. Check the forecast before you pack to get an idea of what the weather might be like (though also plan for some surprise cold/hot weather). Campus is a big place so wear shoes you are comfortable walking in. If you are doing a career shadowing activity talk to your mentor about any activity-specific needs.

Where to Eat

The only meals provided will be during the conference day during lunch and dinner on Thursday, February 16, 2023. The rest of your meals will be on your own. Campus has a variety of dining options: <https://gatordining.com/where-to-eat-map/>

There are also many off-campus dining options around mid-town, downtown, and Archer Road. Here are some examples of some nice places to eat: <https://sweetwaterinn.com/blog/best-restaurants-in-gainesville-fl/>

What to Do

If you find yourself with some free time during your trip here are a couple of ideas of things to do around town!

Visit the Florida Museum: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/>

Visit the Harn Art Museum: <https://harn.ufl.edu/>

Find an alligator! On campus we have Lake Alice (right across the street from the bat houses on Museum Rd). Off campus we recommend either La Chua trail <https://www.visitgainesville.com/explore/attraction/paynes-prairie-la-chua-trail/> or Sweetwater Wetlands Park: <https://www.sweetwaterwetlands.org/>

See a show at the Hippodrome Theater: <https://thehipp.org/>

Watch the bats come out (better yet go at 6pm on Tuesday and meet to amazing scientists at the same time) <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/bats/>

Visit a unique National Natural Landmark at Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park: <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/devils-milhopper-geological-state-park>

