



# 2023 S-STEM SCHOLARS MEETING

Washington, D.C.

September 14-16



## Ground Transportation Tips

### Hotel Addresses

#### **Marriott Marquis**

[901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001](#)

#### **Courtyard Marriott**

[901 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20001](#)

The S-STEM Scholars Meeting will be held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. Most meeting participants will have rooms reserved there. However, due to the large number of attendees, some meeting participants will have rooms reserved at the Courtyard Marriott, which is across the street from the Marriott Marquis.

You are responsible for arranging ground transportation between the hotel and the airport/train station for both arriving and departing. Uber or Lyft is an easy and fast option for getting to/from all area airports/the train station and the hotel. Public transportation (DC Metrorail or “Metro” for short) is another option that is reliable and inexpensive but may take more time.

### Getting to the Scholars Meeting

#### **Directions From Dulles Airport (IAD)**

There is metro access to the hotel from Dulles Airport. You will need to get onto the silver line going in the direction of Downtown Largo. You can either get off at the Metro Center Station and walk approximately .5 miles to the hotel, or you can get off the train at the L’Enfant Plaza station and transfer to the yellow line towards the Mt. Vernon Square Station, get off there and walk approximately .2 miles to the hotel.

A metro map can be found [here](#).

If you decide to take an Uber/Lyft, there is a designated pick-up area outside on the ground level outside of Baggage Claim, accessible via Doors 2, 4 or 6. There will be numbered zones that make finding your driver easier.

More information can be found [here](#).

### **Directions From Ronald-Regan Airport (DCA)**

There is metro access to the hotel from Ronald-Regan Airport. You will take the yellow line towards Mt. Vernon Square and get off at the Mt. Vernon Square station. From there, it is an approximately .2 mile walk to the hotel. Alternatively, you can take the blue line going in the direction of Downtown Largo, get off the train at the Metro Center Station and walk approximately .5 miles to the hotel.

A metro map can be found [here](#).

If you decide to take an Uber/Lyft, there are specific zones that you will need to go to. For Terminal 1: Customers can meet their ride on the third (outer) curb. For Terminal 2: Customers can meet their ride on the Baggage Claim (Arrivals) Level -1st Floor on the outer curb.

More information can be found [here](#).

### **Directions From Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI)**

There is no metro access from BWI Airport. The best way to get to the conference hotel is by Lyft or Uber. Please note that there is a designated pick up area for Lyfts or Ubers on the upper level between doors 9-11.

More information about this can be found [here](#).

### **Directions From Union Station (Amtrak)**

There is metro access to the hotel from Union Station. When you get off your Amtrak train, you will go into the station and follow the signs for the metro, which is downstairs. You will want to take the red line train toward Shady Grove. You can either get off the train at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop and walk .7 miles to the hotel or you can transfer at the Gallery Place/Chinatown stop to the yellow line in the direction of Mt. Vernon Square. You will get off at the Mt. Vernon Square station and it will be a .2 mile walk to the hotel.

## **Leaving the Scholars Meeting**

### **Directions to Dulles International Airport (IAD)**

From the hotel, you will take the metro from the Mt. Vernon Square station on the yellow line in the direction of Huntington to L'Enfant Plaza. You will then transfer to the silver line towards Ashburn and get off at the Washington Dulles International airport stop.

### **Directions to Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA)**

From the hotel, you will take the metro from the Mt. Vernon Square station on the yellow line in the direction of Huntington to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport station.

### **Directions to Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI)**

From the hotel, you will need to take an Uber or a Lyft to BWI Airport. You should inform the driver of your gate.

### **Directions to Union Station**

From the hotel, you can either walk to the Gallery Place/Chinatown metro station and take the red line in the direction of Glenmont to Union Station or you can take the yellow line from Mt. Vernon Square in the direction of Huntington and transfer to the red line towards Glenmont at the Gallery Place/Chinatown station.

## **How to Use the Metro**

1. When you arrive at the metro station, you will need to buy a metro card using the machines that are in all of the stations. To calculate how much to load your card with you will find the price listed next to your destination on the metro card machine. If you are unsure about how much to load on your card, you can ask a station manager for help.
2. You will use your card to enter through the gates by tapping the card onto the metro symbol on the gate to the right of the turnstile.
3. To find which platform your train is on, you will want to find the platform that matches the color of where you're going and has the name of the station on the end of the line in the direction you are going.
4. The train conductor will announce the stops as you go. There are also maps to help you navigate where to get off. If you miss your stop, don't worry! You would just need to get off and go onto the platform that is the same color in the opposite direction.
5. To leave the station, go to the turnstiles and tap your card again on the right-hand side.

Here is a helpful video that also outlines this process [here](#).