



Open Standards WG14 Meeting – Pittsburgh PA

Date and time

September 15, 2025 · 8:30am - September 19, 2025 · 12:30pm EDT

Location

Carnegie Mellon University – Jared L Cohnon University Center

5032 Forbes Ave. 2nd Floor Dowd Conference Room Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Description

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I can help if you need further information regarding hotels, local restaurants and attractions.

The meeting venue:

We will be meeting on the Carnegie Mellon University campus in the [Robert Mehrabian Collaborative Innovation Center \(CIC\)](#) located at [4720 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 USA](#) in room CIC 1203. The room will be open each day, Monday through Thursday, from 08:30 to 17:30 and on Friday from 08:30 to 12:30.

Preferred Hotels

The following hotels are local to SEI Pittsburgh offices. They offer special SEI rates (based on availability) that include complimentary services as shown below.

Please note that all details shown may be subject to change. For the most current information, contact the venue directly.

Hotel	Distance from CIC	FY 2025 Standard Room Rate	Complimentary Amenities
Courtyard Pittsburgh University Center <i>Formerly the Wyndam</i> 100 Lytton Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213 412-682-6200	.6 Mile .97 K	\$138 Call to request "SEI rate"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • fitness center • breakfast • shuttle
The Oaklander Hotel 5130 Bigelow Blvd Pittsburgh, PA 15213 412-578-5800	.6 Mile .97 K	\$245 Book online with rate code "CML" in the Corporate/Promo box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • fitness center
Hilton Garden Inn University Place 3454 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213 412-683-2040	.8 Mile 1.29 K	\$138 Book online or call 412-683-2040 or 1-800-445-8667 and give SEI rate code 1128 or email pituc_reservations@hilton.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • fitness center

Residence Inn Oakland/University Place 3341 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15213	.8 Mile 1.6 K	\$156 Call and request the SEI rate or Book online with rate code "CML" in the Corporate/Promo box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • fitness center • breakfast
Hampton Inn Pittsburgh University/Medical Center 3315 Hamlet Street Pittsburgh, PA 15213 412-681-1000	1.2 Miles 1.93 K	\$121 Book online or Call to request "SEI rate"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • fitness center • breakfast buffet • shuttle • Triple Hilton Honors Points
Hotel Indigo Pittsburgh University - Oakland 329 Technology Drive Pittsburgh PA 15219 412-621-0880	1.5 Miles 2.42 K	\$138 Call 412-621-0880 or use Corporate ID Number 100218184 on the hotel website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet access • fitness center

Prices Could change

Parking

There are many options for parking in the Oakland Area of Pittsburgh. For a full list of parking please visit:

[Visitor Parking - Transportation Services - Carnegie Mellon University](#)

To reserve and PrePay for parking for CMU and other parking garages in the area:

[ParkMobile Parking App | Find & Pay for Parking | On-street & Reservation](#)

Here are the four closest.

Garage/Lot	Distance from CIC Building	Daily Rate
Gates Garage 594-598 Boundary St Pittsburgh PA 15213	On Site	\$28
Robert Mehrabian Collaborative Innovation Garage	On Site	\$30

594-598 Boundary St Pittsburgh PA 15213		
East Campus Garage 5040 Forbes Ave Pittsburgh PA 15213	.3 M .49 K	\$22
Dithridge Street Garage 252 S Dithridge St Pittsburgh PA 15213	.3 M .49 K	\$26

Alternate lodging and Boutique B&Bs Near Carnegie Mellon University

[Inn on Negley](#)

Restored Period home located in Shadyside

703 S. Negley Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-661-0631
Less than two miles

[Mansions on Fifth Hotel](#)

Historic B&B

5105 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15232
412-381-5105
Less than one mile

Places to eat in Cohon University Center

Restaurant	Type	Location & Hours
Au Bon Pain	Coffee/Tea Espresso Soup & Sandwiches	2 nd Floor 7-10
Ciao Bella	Customizable Pasta	2 nd Floor 10:30 – 8
Crisp N Crust	Made to order salads, flatbreads and wraps	2 nd Floor 10:30 – 8
Entropy	On Campus Convenience Store	Ground Floor 7am – 10 pm
El Gallo De Oro	Mexican Cuisine	Ground Floor 10:30 am – 9 pm
Revolution Noodle	Customizable Mala long Noodle Bowls	2 nd Floor 10:30 – 8
True Burger	Hand crafted signature sandwiches and smash burgers	2 nd Floor 10:30 – 10
Taste of India	vibrant tastes of India	Resnik Servery @ Resnick House 11-2:30

Places to eat near Carnegie Mellon University

Restaurant	Address	Type	Distance from CIC	Link
The Porch at Schenley	221 Schenley Dr – Right of Forbes	From scratch meals from local ingredients	.8 Miles 1.29 KM	The Porch Restaurants in Schenley Plaza and Siena at St. Clair
The Carnegie Café	4400 Forbes Ave	Eclectic Menu from visiting Chefs Coffee and Wine bar opens at 10 am	.6 Miles .97 KM	The Cafe Carnegie
Pepper Space	4909 Forbes Ave	Sichuan Menu	.3 Miles .48 KM	Home - Pepper Space 川悦喆
Chipotle	4611 Forbes Ave	South Western	.3 Miles .48 KM	Chipotle — Order Now
Union Grill	413 S Craig St	Classic American Fare Know for affordable wine menu	.4 Miles .64 KM	Union Grill American Restaurant in Pittsburgh, PA
Lucca Ristorante	417 S Craig St	Italian	.4 Miles .64 KM	Lucca Ristorante
Ali Baba	404 S Craig St	Mediterranean	.5 Miles .80 KM	Ali Baba Authentic Syrian Cuisine in Pittsburgh
Bao Li	400 Craig St	Asian Fusion	.4 Miles .64 KM	Bao : 5 % Off PA,Pittsburgh 15213
Starbucks	Corner of Forbes and S Craig St	Coffee Shop	.3 Miles .48 KM	Starbucks Coffee Company
Crepes Parisiennes	207 S Craig St	Sweet and Savory Crepes, Panini, liegie waffles, espresso	.5 Miles .80 KM	Home Crepes Parisiennes
Grapow	411 S Craig St	Asian Street Food	.4 Miles .64 KM	Grapow Pittsburgh Asian Street Food
Eat Unique	305 S Craig St	Soup and Sandwich Coffee shop known for having Gluten	.4 Miles .64 KM	EatUnique - Food Menu

		Free and Vegetarian options		
Omar’s Halal Grill	4208 Forbes Ave	Arabian, Halal, Mediteranean	.8 Miles 1.29 KM	Specializes In Falafel or Shawarma - Omar's Halal Grill
Tamarind Flavor of India	257 N Craig St	Indian Cuisine	.9 Miles 1.45 KM	Order Authentic Indian Online Tamarind Flavor of India - Pickup or Delivery Available

Transportation from the airport

Directions and transportation options to Pittsburgh:

By Air

[Pittsburgh International Airport](#) – IATA code PIT is 22 miles (approximately 45 minutes driving time) from the Carnegie Mellon campus. For more information, please visit [FlyPittsburgh](#) or call 412-472-3525.

Ground Transportation

Once you arrive at the Pittsburgh International Airport there are several transportation options to bring you to CMU or to your hotel:

Taxi service - The average taxi fare from the airport to campus is about \$50, plus gratuity. There are typically taxi cabs outside of the airport, but if you need to call a service, call Yellow Cab (412-321-8100) or Classy Cab (412-322-5080).

Rental Car - You can rent a car on-site at the Pittsburgh International Airport. For more information, including a list of car rental agencies and phone numbers, please refer to the [transportation services](#) section of the Pittsburgh International Airport website.

Public Bus Transportation with Port Authority Transit - The [28X Airport Flyer](#) bus stops in the heart of the CMU campus and typically takes 45 minutes en route to the airport. The trip is free for Carnegie Mellon students and costs \$2.75 for other passengers. For more information about schedules and rates, please visit the official [Pittsburgh Regional Transit](#) 412-442-2000.

From Pittsburgh International Airport

- Follow signs for I-376 East/Pittsburgh and merge onto I-376 E
- Continue and go through Fort Pitt Tunnel in right-hand lane
- Keep right to stay on I-376 E toward Monroeville
- Take exit 72A to merge onto Forbes Avenue towards Oakland
- This brings you into the Oakland section of Pittsburgh
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To Pittsburgh International Airport

- Start on Fifth Avenue

- Keep left after Craft Avenue and stay in the left lane for I-376 West
- Turn left onto I-376 W
- Follow signs for I-376 W/Airport
- Go through Fort Pitt Tunnel
- Continue on I-376 W
- Follow signs for the Pittsburgh International Airport

Looking for things to do during your off time:

[Visit Pittsburgh | Official Tourism Site for Pittsburgh, PA](#)

Baseball Game at PNC Park
September 15 Chicago Cubs vs Pittsburgh Pirates

Fourty One Facts about Pittsburgh
Borrowed from Uncovering PA

- Pittsburgh is known as the “City of Bridges” because it has 446 bridges which is more than Venice, Italy, or any other city in the world.
- The emoticon was invented in Pittsburgh in 1980 by Carnegie Mellon University computer scientist Scott Fahlman 😊
- Pittsburgh is the largest city in the region known as Appalachia.
- The Polio vaccine was created by Dr. Jonas Salk in Pittsburgh in 1950.
- There are more than 700 sets of [public stairs](#) within the city limits of Pittsburgh. They are maintained by an Inspector of Steps.
- The world’s first T-rex skeleton is on display at the [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#).
- Pittsburgh has more days of rain and snow than Seattle, Washington.
- In 1905, Pittsburgh became home to the first Nickelodeon, or modern movie theater.
- While St. Louis is known as the starting point of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the explorers actually first met up in Pittsburgh before heading west on the Ohio River.
- Pittsburgh’s [St. Anthony’s Chapel](#) is home to more Catholic relics than anywhere else in the world except for the Vatican.
- The stars in the Pittsburgh Steelers’ logo aren’t stars. They are hypocycloids. The logo was “borrowed” from U.S. Steel, which was based in the city.
- Pittsburgh’s Beechview neighborhood is home to [the steepest street in the United States](#) (and possibly the world): Canton Avenue. It is as steep as 37 degrees.
- The Big Mac was invented in the Pittsburgh suburbs by Jim Delligatti, a local McDonald’s franchisee. It was first sold in 1967, and there is even a [Big Mac Museum](#) that you can visit.
- The oldest-known site of human habitation in North America is located just south of Pittsburgh at [Meadowcroft Rockshelter](#).
- Pittsburgh is home to the first commercial radio station in the world, KDKA. The station began by broadcasting presidential election results on November 2, 1920.
- In 1903, the first World Series was held between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Boston Americans. Boston won the series five games to three.
- In 1920, 80% of the glass made in the United States came from Pittsburgh.

- The Fort Pitt Blockhouse in [Point State Park](#) is the oldest structure in western Pennsylvania and dates back to 1764.
- When the Civic Arena opened in 1961, it was the world's first retractable dome stadium for a major sports team.
- Another fact about Pittsburgh that few know is that from 1891 to 1911, Pittsburgh was officially spelled without its "h".
- The University of Pittsburgh's [Cathedral of Learning](#) is the second tallest university building in the world.
- In 1808, Allegheny County produced enough whiskey each year to give every American man, woman, and child half a barrel of whiskey.
- Baseball Hall of Famers Stan Musial and Ken Griffey, Jr. were both born on November 21 in the small town of [Donora, PA](#) (though 49 years apart).
- In May 1918, the country of Czechoslovakia was created in Pittsburgh when the Czechs and the Slovaks signed the Pittsburgh Agreement.
- George Washington made [at least seven trips to western Pennsylvania](#) and entered Pittsburgh's modern city limits at least twice.
- Pittsburgh has more bars per capita than any other city in the country (12 per 10,000 residents).
- The first baseball game broadcast on the radio was on August 5, 1921 when the Pirates defeated the Philadelphia Phillies at [Forbes Field](#).
- Roslyn Place in Pittsburgh's Shadyside neighborhood is the [last wooden street remaining in Pennsylvania](#). The road was constructed in 1914 of 26,000 wooden blocks.
- [Bicycle Heaven](#) in Pittsburgh is the world's largest bike museum (and even better, [it's free](#)).
- The country's first gas station was opened in 1913 at Baum Boulevard and St. Clair Street in East Liberty.
- Babe Ruth hit the last three home runs of his career at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field
- Opened in 1895, the [Carnegie Museum of Art](#) was the world's first Modern art museum.
- Pittsburgh is famous for its two inclined planes on [Mount Washington](#), but at one point, there were as many as 15 inclines in the city.
- Because there weren't enough players during the 1943-1944 season, the Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles combined for one season to play as the [Steagles](#).
- Want another fascinating Pittsburgh Fact? North Park is home to a [Gravity Hill](#) where cars appear to roll uphill.
- [Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall](#) is the largest memorial in the country dedicated to all branches of military service.
- The Pittsburgh suburbs were home to many great NFL quarterbacks including Joe Montana, Dan Marino, Joe Namath, Johnny Unitas, and Jim Kelly.
- The [Andy Warhol Museum](#) is the largest single-artist museum in North America.
- Steel made in Pittsburgh was used to build iconic structures like the Empire State Building, Golden Gate Bridge, and many of the ships built during World War II.
- Pittsburgh's WQED was the first public TV station in the country when it began broadcasting in 1954.
- Forbes Field was the country's first concrete and steel baseball stadium when it opened on June 30, 1909.