The Joint Summer Internship Poster Session will be held in Topia, an interactive virtual world. In this world, you are a small avatar who can walk around the world with your mouse or arrow keys. As you get close to another person, their video and microphone will activate, just as if you were walking close to someone in a real poster session. When you move away, that person will fade out.

To Connect

To connect, plug your headphones in then click on this link from your web browser (Chrome works best, Edge and Brave are also supported – note that Safari is not): https://topia.io/boulder-reu-2021. You will need a password to enter: Research

Enter your name and allow your computer to use your camera and audio, and you will arrive in the center of the event as a small avatar.

If you would like to check your connection and explore in advance of the poster session, you are welcome to do so – the world will be opened from noon on Wednesday, July 28.

To Move, Explore and Interact

Use your arrow keys or point with your mouse to move your avatar around. As you move into range of another avatar, that person’s video and audio will appear, and will fade as you move away. If you’d like a faster way to move around the world, use {CTL –} (or {CMD –} on a Mac) to zoom out, then click with your mouse where you want to go. Zoom back in {CTL+} (or {CMD +} on a Mac) to avoid cross talk.
The poster world looks like this (Please click here for a PDF):

To experience a poster, please walk directly in front of it, then click on the poster board to have the poster open. If you stand between posters you may see/hear people at both posters.

Trouble shooting

Having problems connecting? Make sure you are logging in with Google Chrome. If you find yourself disappearing, try closing your window and logging in again. If it still doesn’t work, check instructions here or email CIRES IT ciresithelp@colorado.edu and we’ll do our best to help you.

We hope you enjoy this world, and are able to connect with many of our talented summer interns. To learn more about any of the internship programs at this poster session, please stop by our booths in Topia!