



On behalf of the Organizing Committee for the 2012 Galaxy Community Conference (GCC2012, <http://galaxyproject.org/wiki/Events/GCC2012>), thank you for your interest in participating in this event. GCC2012 will be held July 25-27 at the University of Illinois Chicago. 250-300 participants are expected to attend this scientific meeting. All attendees will have the opportunity to present and discuss their research, network with peers and advance their careers.

We would be delighted to have you join us in Chicago. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend GCC2012, as it is open to any interested member of the scientific community. A preliminary schedule is available on the conference website.

The conference is not able to provide financial support to participants. Airfare, ground transportation, lodging, meals and all other expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend GCC2012, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as possible and no later than 3-4 months in advance of the meeting date. All participants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The conference cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American Embassy on behalf of any meeting participant. You may submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location and purpose of the conference.

Additional registration and visa information is available and linked to from the conference registration page at <http://galaxyproject.org/wiki/Events/GCC2012/Register>.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Galaxy Community Conference.

Sincerely,

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