



2025 NRT+ Summit at CU

Monday, March 10 - Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Day 1 - Monday, Mar 10 - Room 225 CU-ICAR, 1 Research Drive

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

I: Registration (ORD 225)

Welcome by Dean Gramopadhye and THINKER PI Mears

- 1 Research Drive, Greenville, SC 29607
- Updates (20 mins each) from the partner universities' NRTs
- Review of the agenda and announcements by Mears
- Q&A and discussions

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

II: Entrepreneurship opportunities and commercialization pitch

- Keynote by K. C. Wang (CU)
- Co-chairs: Ferat Sahin and Esa Rantanen (RIT)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch with continued discussion

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

III: Campus walk with tour to select labs and facilities

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Coffee networking break

3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

IVa: Faculty: Proposal discussions - roadmapping (ORD 414)

- Co-chairs: Laine Mears (CU) and Cecilia Alm (RIT)

IVb: Trainees: Entrepreneurship in academia/pitch work (225)

- Chair: Arissa Sato (UWM)
- Panelists: Mark Johnson (CU), Peter Adamczyk (UWM), Carlos Toxtli (CU)

6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dinner reception at Brixx

1125 Woodruff Rd Suite 1601, Greenville, SC 29607

Day 2 - Tuesday, Mar 11 - Room 401 CU-ICAR, 4 Research Drive

9:00 a.m. - 12:45 pm

V: BMW Factory tour followed by lunch

- Organizer: Matthew Krugh (CU)

12:45 pm - 3:00 pm

VI: Trainees' 3M research project competition

- Chair: Reynold Bailey (RIT)

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Coffee networking break

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

VIIa: Break for students to prepare team competition (room 401)

VIIb: Faculty work on proposal development (room 423)

- Co-chairs: Brian Davis (CSU) and Peter Adamczyk (UWM)

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

VIII: Trainee challenge: commercialization pitch presentations

- Chair: Apostolos Kalatzis (CSU)
- Faculty and postdoc complete feedback form and vote for team

6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

IX: Dinner reception ORD 4th Floor - remarks by Dean Lopes



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Day 3 - Wednesday, March 12 - Room 401 CU-ICAR, 4 Research Drive

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

X: Virtual roundtable with industry/national lab/Int'l panelists (401)

- Co-chairs: Cecilia Alm/Ferat Sahin (RIT), Matthew Krugh (CU)
- Panelists:
 - Industrial: Michael Schumacher (Michelin), Curtis Tingle (BMW Manufacturing Co.), Trent Randles (Borg Warner)
 - National lab: Ashitey Trebi-Ollennu (JPL), Stan Wendt (AFRL)
 - International: Thomas Pederson (UW), Brian MacNamee (UCD), Fredrik Danielsson (UW)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm.

XIa: Trainees: Industry vs acad. vs federal careers (room 401)

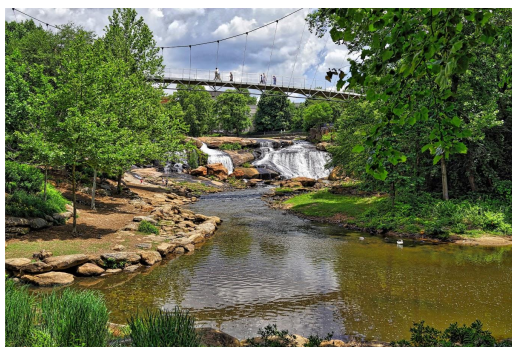
- Co-chairs: Erin Clark (CSU) and Calvin Nau (RIT)
- Panelists: Mark Johnson (CU), Esa Rantanen (RIT), Bilge Mutlu (UWM/Zoom), Rieta Ann Drinkwine (CU)

XIb: Faculty cont'd proposal discussion and writing (room 423)

12:00 pm. - 1:00 pm

XII: Wrap-up discussion on next step/working lunch (room 404)

- Co-chairs: Laine Mears (CU) and Brian Davis (CSU)



Falls Park



BMW Manufacturing Tour

Optional sightseeing on your own:

- Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum & Baseball Library [Link](#)
- Upcountry History Museum [Link](#)
- Sigal Music Museum [Link](#)
- BMW Zentrum Museum [Link](#)
- Paris Mountain State Park - 28 minute drive [Link](#)
- Conestee Nature Preserve [Link](#)
- Swamp Rabbit Trail [Link](#)
- Biltmore Estate - 90 minute drive [Link](#)
- City Scape Winery [Link](#)