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The Study Abroad Guide to **ACCOMMODATION**

TOP TIPS on how to find accommodation overseas, what to do before you leave and on your return to Manchester.

Introduction

Dear students,

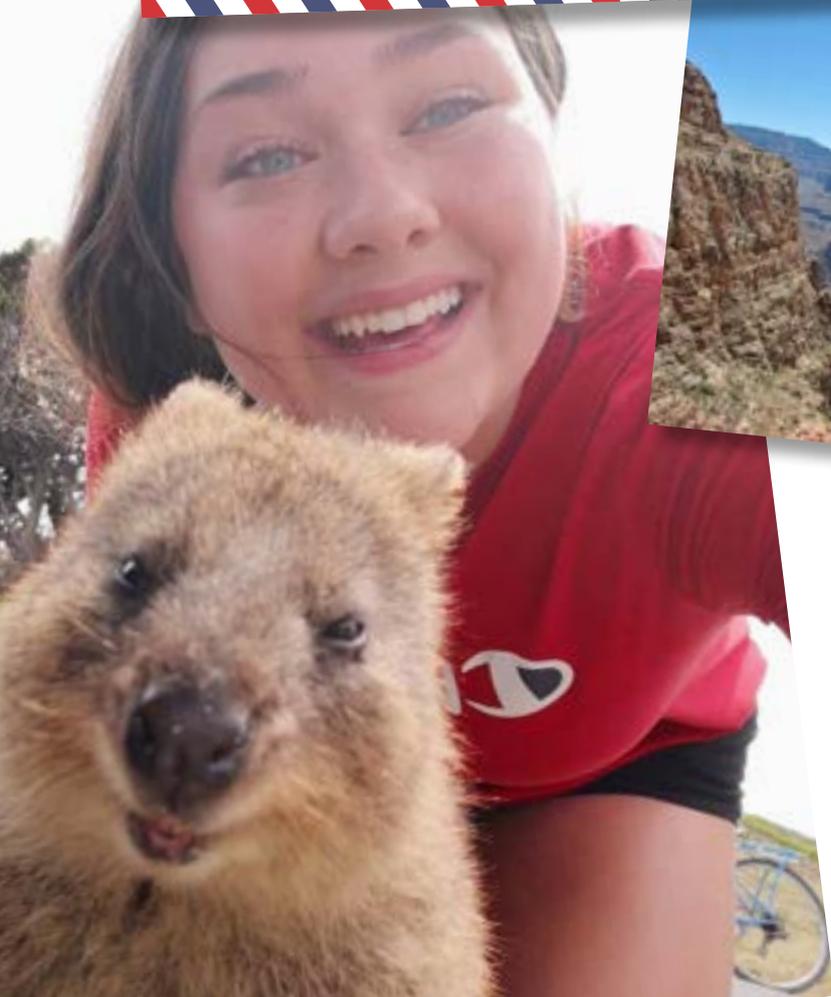
Finding accommodation can be one of the most challenging aspects of the Study Abroad process. How do you safely find somewhere affordable and liveable in an unfamiliar location?

To ease some of those stresses, we have prepared this guide to help you decide what type of accommodation you want and we have come up with a few important things for you to consider when looking for your student accommodation abroad. Then you can get back to what really matters: making plans and looking forward to your new overseas adventure!



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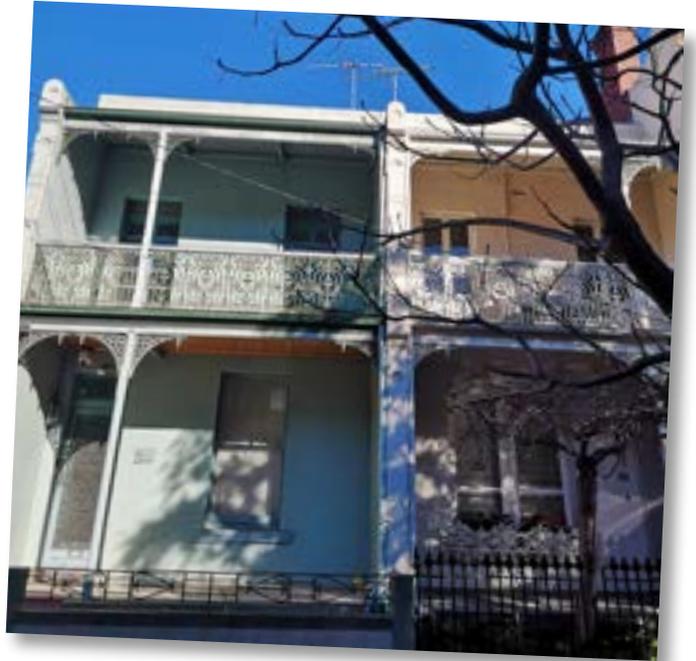


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University Accommodation

Many partner universities offer campus accommodation, some guaranteed, others on a first-come-first-served basis. Applying for campus accommodation is the easiest option and will vary from residence halls to shared flats. It is also the safest option as you will be protected from accommodation scams and rogue landlords, so we recommend university housing where possible. Costs usually include utilities (gas, electricity, water, internet), but halls are still likely to be the more expensive option. N.B. Most universities will provide a list of approved providers for private rentals: using these is highly advisable to avoid scams.



University Halls - PROs:

- Good for making friends: immediate access to lots of students (depending on the university, your room may be double occupancy).
- Safe, secure and supportive: you will have a genuine contract; you may benefit from campus security; there may be access to pastoral care, such as counselling and disability services.
- Accommodation usually comes furnished so you don't have to buy furniture and can save your money for fun trips.
- Student halls are usually in close proximity to campus, so you can save money walking to lectures, rather than getting a bus.

University Halls - CONs:

- Can be expensive: it's worth comparing with other options and checking your budget first, as with many halls there are additional costs, such as meal plans, included in the price.
- No guarantee of choices: you might not get a place in your preferred accommodation.
- Not 'your own space': you're sharing with many others, which means there will probably be extra noise and mess!
- University halls can sometimes be quite restrictive in terms of curfews and guests.
- Roommates: you will not get to choose your roommate, so if your university offers double occupancy, you need to be comfortable with this.

Guaranteed University Accommodation

Below we have listed our partners that generally guarantee on-campus accommodation for exchange students (but please check information from your host university as this can change from year to year). If you have been nominated to one of these universities, you will generally apply for housing as part of your application.

The following partner universities, at the time of going to press (March 2023), guarantee on-campus accommodation for exchange students:

- Rutgers, State University of New Jersey (required)
- Stony Brook University
- University of Maryland
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville (required) (Scarborough campus only)
- Wellesley College
- University of Sydney
- Australian National University
- The University of Auckland
- Chinese University Hong Kong (no application required)
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Nanyang Technological University
- University of Bergen

Our other partners will offer campus accommodation and these can also be applied for at the time of application, but it will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If our partners do not offer campus accommodation, then you will need to seek your own private housing.



Renting Privately

Finding student accommodation in your own city can be tough, not to mention a completely unfamiliar city that you are yet to actually step foot in. With various rules and regulations to get your head around, it's undoubtedly daunting, so we have come up with a few important things to consider when searching for private accommodation.

1 DO YOUR RESEARCH

You have confirmed your place at your university, you know what city you will be moving to, but aside from that, you probably have no idea what the neighbourhoods are like: Are they safe? Are they student-friendly? Which locations are *actually* affordable? It is important to do as much research as possible! Make the effort to consume as much information about your new city as possible; watch city tours, read guides! It is also worth contacting the accommodation office at your host university as they may be able to provide information on neighbourhoods, approved landlords and how much you can expect to pay for rent in the area. **Beware of landlords who are not approved by your host university and avoid rentals that you cannot verify, e.g. advertised on social media!**

2 WORK OUT YOUR BUDGET

You need to be realistic on how much you can afford to spend on rent each month to allow you to work out how much you will have left for utility bills, public transport, food and luxuries. Working out your budget carefully will narrow down your accommodation choices as some properties will align with your budget better than others. Also consider that you may need to pay deposits before you receive your student finance!

Average Annual Rent: UoM Partners (£)

	UNI	PRIVATE
USA	7240	7000
CANADA	6000	7400
AUS	7-10000	10000
NZ	10000	7250
SINGAPORE	8000	18000
S. KOREA	3700	7300

3 BE PATIENT

Finding the perfect accommodation abroad within the first few days of searching is unlikely! Advertisers offering rooms can get inundated with messages, so they may not respond right away, so be prepared for your search to take a few weeks.

4 BE CAUTIOUS

Social media is a great way to get a feel for where you will be living, but if someone offers you a room, be cautious: unfortunately, there are many bogus landlords and scammers. Keep in mind that if it looks too good to be true, it probably is! Stick to searching on reliable accommodation websites and landlords approved by your partner university (ask them for a list of approved providers).

5 BE RESOURCEFUL

Where possible, we recommend viewing a property in person before accepting. However, **you may need to secure accommodation in advance**, for visa purposes, for example, especially for some European countries now that the UK has left the EU. In these cases, ask the landlord to send you some photos or to organise a Skype tour of the property. Ask lots of questions, such as:

- By what method does the landlord require the rent to be paid?
- Does the rent include bills?
- Have they rented before (particularly to international students)?
- Are there any deposits or non-refundable fees? What are they? (Request a refundable deposit where possible)
- What is their sub-letting policy?
- Do they allow early contract terminations? If so, what are the fees?
- Will you be able to renew the contract if you want to?
- Are guests allowed to stay?
- Are there any additional rules to be aware of?

Also look at our Housing checklist on the next page to help you think about the area, location and practicalities.

You may decide to conduct your search once in your host Country, which is preferable (but not always possible) as you can take advantage of local noticeboards or ask local students for recommendations.

Make sure you factor this into your plans, travel earlier and book a hostel or hotel but check that you are covered by UoM and your own insurance.

Remember to check whether proof of accommodation is a requirement of your visa, including for EU countries!

Remember: if you end up in horrible accommodation on the other side of the world, you won't be able to just go home. Ultimately, it will seriously affect your time abroad, so do all that you can to ensure you know exactly what you're going into!

USEFUL RESOURCES

<https://housinganywhere.com/>

<https://uniplaces.com/>

Simply type in the city you are studying in and the dates you want to stay. The bulk of their listings are in Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Germany, The Netherlands, Austria, Poland, but are continuing to expand.

<https://www.universityrooms.com>

Prefer to live on campus? Then browse UniversityRooms. They have rooms listed in dozens of locations, including Argentina, South Africa, Australia, the U.S., Canada, Spain, France, Germany, and Portugal. You can book rooms for stays as short as a few days to as long as a full semester.



House Viewing Checklist

to use when viewing accommodation abroad

Question to Ask	Answer	Question to Ask	Answer
What is the agency fee?		What Items are included?	
What is the deposit?		What bills are included?	

Things to Check	Rating (out of 3)	Comments
Location		
Safety (at night)		
Transport Links		
Shops/pubs/bar		
Distance to University		
External Condition		
Roof, doors & windows		
Bin Capacity		
Garden/Yard		
Security (alarm, lighting)		
Internal Condition		
Bedrooms		
Bathroom/s		
Living Area		
Kitchen		
Appliances		
Fire Safety (detectors/extinguishers)		
Heating/Air Conditioning		
General Condition		
Total Score:		

Manchester - Before You Go & On Your Return

Advertising Your Room

Top tips for what your advert should include to attract tenants:

- State that you are looking for a replacement tenant
- Include a description of the room/property, e.g. room in a shared house, city, neighbourhood
- Location – Give a full description e.g. quiet street, plenty of parking, centre of town, local shops nearby, excellent public transport links
- Rental – list the weekly/monthly rental price, what bills are included and what is not
- Tenancy – List how long you are looking for someone to take on the tenancy agreement
- Who the room is most suited for, e.g. male/female, smoker/non-smoker
- Furnished or unfurnished – clearly list what is included (properties on the MSH website are all fully furnished)
- Include photos if you can – searchers like to see photos

You can also advertise your room through:

www.spareroom.co.uk

www.gumtree.com

www.craigslist.com

This is not an exhaustive list; there are lots of options on-line, but be cautious when using unmoderated housing boards. The above are all methods that students have used in the past but this is not official guidance from the University.

On Your Return

You can check the “IPO Accommodation Exchange” Facebook group.

Also, get in touch with Manchester Student Homes who can advise you on your next steps:

www.manchesterstudenthomes.com

You can use the following websites with caution:

<https://housinganywhere.com/>

www.spareroom.co.uk

www.gumtree.com

www.craigslist.com

Contact the Accommodation office at University of Manchester:

accommodation@manchester.ac.uk





Europe

N.B. As of January 2021, visas are required to study in Europe. Most countries require proof of accommodation as part of the visa application process, so please research the requirements carefully so that you know when to secure accommodation!

We have provided information for our most popular European partner universities. For information regarding other European universities, please visit My Placement and search for individual partners: <https://studentmobility.manchester.ac.uk/>

Austria

Universität Wien: University and Private housing is available, see here:

www.housing.oead.at/de/
Housing Exchange of the Austrian Students' Union:

www.schwarzesbrett-oeh.at/wohnen

Belgium

University of Antwerp: Very limited accommodation is offered to exchange students for one semester. See here for residence information: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/housing/university-residences/>

There are many options for private rentals: <https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/life-in-antwerp/housing/student-housing-private-market/>

University of Liege: On-campus accommodation is offered to exchange students on the Sart-Tilman campus. There are also many private rental options: https://www.campus.uliege.be/cms/c_9728275/en/a-liege-autres-alternatives

Czech Republic

Palacky University: Accommodation is offered to exchange students if required, located a 10 minute walk from the main campus. Most rooms are shared with up to 3 other students. You can also opt for private rentals. For dormitory applications, see: <https://skm.upol.cz/en/>

Charles University: Exchange students are offered accommodation in Halls according to your faculty. Most rooms are shared. There are also many places to rent privately. For more information, see:

<https://cuni.cz/UKEN-365.html>

Denmark

University of Copenhagen: UC has limited University housing. Beware of large deposits! Apply on-line here:

www.housingfoundation.ku.dk

There is less of a Uni halls culture in Copenhagen, thus many students rent privately, though availability is scarce and it is more expensive than the UK, so do your research early:

www.housingdenmark.com/en/



Where possible, we advise taking up accommodation managed or approved by your host university to avoid scams!

Finland

University of Helsinki: UH recommends exchange students apply for housing via the application form in Mobility Online for an offer from either Unihome or Hoas. However, accommodation is not guaranteed. You may also receive an offer for a different accommodation type than you select. <https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/article/how-apply-housing-exchange-student>

France

Sciences Po, Paris: There is no University housing on the Paris campus. Sciences Po's website contains some help for students to find alternative housing:

<https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/housing>

<https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/housing/other-housing-options>

You are advised to extend your search outside the immediate vicinity of the campus as St. Germain is expensive and exclusive. Nearby suburbs could be more viable options: www.pap.fr

Sciences Po, Toulouse: Like Paris, there is no University housing on the Toulouse campus. However, you can use the following sites to find accommodation.

For disability housing: <https://www.crous-toulouse.fr/logements/residences/>

For more general housing: <https://www.sciencespo.fr/students/en/living/housing>

Germany

Freie Universität Berlin: University housing is offered to exchange students, though most do not apply as the dorms are situated some distance from campus. Housing is cheap and plentiful in Berlin, but it is over-subscribed, so be prepared to see many apartments before moving in.

Remember to make the best first impression that you can when viewing a room; be polite and friendly. The best website to use is wg-gesucht, although Facebook groups are also very good.

<https://www.housing.uni-freiburg.de/international-students#erasmus>

Freiburg Universität: Limited accommodation is offered to exchange students. You should also apply for the larger housing run by the Student's Union (Studierendenwerk). You may also opt for private rental. Please remember Freiburg is a popular student city, so consider all options: <https://www.housing.uni-freiburg.de/internationalstudents#erasmus>

Hungary

ELTE: Exchange students are not guaranteed accommodation. You can apply to student residence halls but some are far from campus, so you may prefer to find private accommodation. Start your search early as the rental market is limited and competitive:

<https://www.elte.hu/en/housing>

Italy

Luigi Bocconi University: Exchange students can apply for on-campus accommodation. Bocconi University reserve 300 rooms for exchange students at Arcobaleno. Some Bocconi students going on exchange themselves sub-let their room to incoming exchange students. To find out more about on campus accommodation visit: https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/aeff31bd-ada1-44c7-9c1c-1b1b85dbbd62/NUOVA+GRAFICA_FAQ_Housing.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=I-2xjsv&CVID=I-2xjsv

Netherlands

University of Amsterdam: Affordable housing is limited, so start house hunting early! Furnished accommodation is reserved for international students:

<https://www.uva.nl/en/education/practical-information/housing/housing.html?cb>

Vrije Universiteit: Housing is provided for Exchange students, mostly located at Uilenstede. You are strongly advised to apply well in advance:

<https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/exchange-accommodation>

Norway

University of Bergen: University accommodation is guaranteed for exchange students at Bergen: <https://www.uib.no/en/education/49447/student-housing>

Poland

University of Warsaw: For information about the Residence Halls at UW, see <http://welcome.uw.edu.pl/before-you-arrive/accomodation/>

Spain

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona: Exchange students can apply for on-campus accommodation, however, due to its location relative to the city centre, many opt to rent privately. You can apply here: <https://www.uab.cat/web/mobility-international-exchange/study-abroad-programmes/accommodation-and-services/campus-accommodation-1345824674000.html>

Complutense de Madrid: Exchange students can apply for on-campus accommodation, however, due to its location relative to the city centre, many students opt to rent privately. Applications to live in halls can be made on-line: <https://www.ucm.es/english/halls-of-residence>

For information about renting privately visit: <https://www.ucm.es/alojamiento-2/>

University of Valencia: Accommodation is not offered to exchange students, but you can apply to Residences run by Colleges. However, most students rent privately. See here for information on student residences: <https://www.uv.es/uvweb/college/en/international-relations/international-relations/erasmus-placement-programme/incoming/accommodation-1285967533953.html>

Sweden

Uppsala University: There is no University accommodation available. Student halls are provided by private companies. As an exchange student, you will be guaranteed accommodation with other exchange or fee-paying Masters students, but if you want to be in the local environment with Swedish people, it is better to rent privately. Visit Studentboet for private housing: <http://studentboet.se/en>

Lund Universitet: Swedish housing is highly regulated and requires registration. Rooms are allocated according to how long you have been waiting. Student housing in Lund is very limited and exchange students are not guaranteed a place. Apply as soon as you are accepted at LU. For more information: <https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/housing>

Turkey

Bogazici University: Dormitory spaces are limited and exchange students all stay in one dormitory. Private accommodation is available but BU will not provide help finding private rental. For university accommodation, see: https://www.boun.edu.tr/en_US/Content/Campus_Life/Dormitories

<https://erasmusu.com/en/student-housing>
(please research the safest locations)



Useful Links

Please note, these websites are recommended by former students and not to be considered endorsed by the University of Manchester

Austria:

<http://easyWG.at>

Denmark:

www.boligportal.dk

<http://www.apartmentincopenhagen.com/>

Finland:

<https://www.studyinfinland.fi/life-finland/accommodation>

https://www.expats-finland.com/housing/student_housing_in_finland.html

France:

www.paruvenu.fr

www.studelites.fr

Germany:

www.easyWG.de

www.studenten-wg.de

www.wohnung24.de (*only accessible off University network*)

Italy

<https://www.educations.com/study-guides/europe/study-in-italy/student-accommodation-6663>

Netherlands:

<http://www.pararius.com/apartments/amsterdam>

Poland:

<https://go-poland.pl/accommodation>

Spain:

<https://www.pisocompartido.com/>

Sweden:

<http://studentboet.se/en>





Australia

Australian National University: ANU is able to guarantee accommodation. Please apply via ANU's catalogue of both catered and noncatered University housing:

<https://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation>

Alternatively, many students wish to find privately rented accommodation in Canberra. Give yourself plenty of time to do this before the beginning of the teaching period.

Guidance for renting privately is on ANU's website: <https://housingonline.anu.edu.au/>

University of Melbourne: The on-campus housing system is based on the collegiate model found at institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge. As such, each separate college has a distinct character and unique atmosphere.

Places are limited, so the earlier you apply the better. Research the different options here:

<http://www.colleges.unimelb.edu.au>

and here: <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/accommodation>

Of course, privately rented accommodation is also a viable option in Melbourne. The University's Global Mobility Office (MGM) has a dedicated member of staff to help exchange students with their housing queries.

Refer to the housing noticeboard for vacancies! As ever, Facebook will also prove a useful house-hunting tool in Melbourne, but beware of scams, do your research and carry out checks! <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/accommodation/how-to-apply>



You may apply for assisted shared housing, meaning that the MGM office arranges a room within a shared house before you arrive. Then you to go straight from the airport into your room without any hassle. <https://semesterinaustralia.com/city/melbourne>

University of Queensland: To secure accommodation, you should apply as soon as possible. Like Melbourne, a collegiate system is in place:

<https://my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation>

Off-campus student housing can be booked from overseas through a third party if you do not wish to traverse the rental market. UQ recommend the following providers of off-campus student housing:

<https://my.uq.edu.au/student-support/accommodation/off-campus-living>

You can also rent in the private sector in Brisbane. Over 200,000 students at more than 6 campuses call Brisbane home. The most popular student areas include: West End, East Brisbane, Toowong, Kelvin Grove but there are lots of other fantastic student areas as well. You can use Brisbane-specific accommodation websites: <http://www.brisbanestudents.com.au/>

University of Sydney: On-campus accommodation is guaranteed at the University of Sydney. Both collegiate options and self-catered residences are available: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/accommodation.html>

Sydney is regularly named amongst the top student cities in the world, so there are loads of options to rent privately; from the vibrant bohemian Newtown district to the charming harbour village such variety in the Sydney housing market.

The University has an excellent website to point you in the right direction:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/accommodation/off-campus.html>

University of Western Australia: Again, UWA operates a collegiate system giving a unique educational environment. Be advised that spaces are limited - you need to apply early in order to have a good chance of being accepted into halls.

UWA provide a mixture of unfurnished accommodation for students who do not wish to live in-college, details of which can be found on their website. As ever, privately rented accommodation is an available and popular option for UWA students.

Information about both on and off-campus accommodation is available here:

<https://study.uwa.edu.au/student-life/accommodation>



“ I lived in West End, a lowlying, bohemian inner city suburb and I cannot recommend it enough. ”

Annabelle, Social Science

University of New South Wales: Exchange students can choose self-catered on-campus accommodation in the University Terraces or Colombo House, or catered on-campus options in The Kensington Colleges, Fig Tree Hall College or UNSW Hall.

You can also apply to International House, New College and Shalom College but you must approach these colleges directly.

<http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/accommodation>

UNSW has a great website to point you in the right direction for almost any housing needs:

<https://accommodation.unsw.edu.au/>

Australia: Useful Links

Apartment Rental Websites:

www.realestate.com.au/rent

www.allhomes.com.au

Useful Information:

<http://www.expatarrivals.com/australia/moving-to-australia>

Cost of living information:

www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living

I lived away from campus in Coogee so lived on the beach where I surfed most mornings before class or work.

Charlie, Geography

Private accommodation such as homestay options are also available via the university with both full-board and single-room only accommodation available. Check out Study Stays for more information on all off-campus accommodation

<https://studystays.unsw.edu.au/>





Canada

University of British Columbia:

On-campus housing is available at both Vancouver and Okanagan. If you apply before the deadline, you are guaranteed a room:

<https://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca>

<https://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca>

Off-campus options are plentiful in student areas like Dunbar, Southlands and Mount Pleasant:

<https://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing/off-campus-housing/>

University of Calgary: Calgary are unable to guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students as places are extremely limited. Therefore, early application is highly recommended. Depending on the type of residence, rates can vary. For information about on-campus housing:

www.ucalgary.ca/residence

McGill University: On-campus housing is usually not provided. If you are willing to share with a first-year, you may secure university housing on application.

www.mcgill.ca/students/housing

50% of Montreal's residents rent privately. There is a website where you can compare different neighbourhoods to identify an ideal area for you.

likehome.info/housing/

University of Toronto: Your choice of accommodation will likely depend on which campus you are allocated, i.e. Downtown Toronto or Mississauga (West). UoT cannot guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students as places in halls are in high-demand, For on-campus housing information:

<https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/hs/student-residence>

Temporary Housing is sometimes available until you find somewhere more long-term: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/service/housing-emergency-support/>

Queen's University: QU is not able to guarantee on-campus housing. Places are offered on a first-come first-served basis.

<https://community.housing.queensu.ca/>

Due to the shortage of University-housing, the residential areas which surround Queen's University are inhabited almost exclusively by students, earning them the nickname 'Kingston's Student Ghetto'. These areas have a national reputation for providing a truly unique student experience. Off-campus housing can be found through conventional avenues, but also through the University's own rental listing service: <https://listingservice.housing.queensu.ca/>

Simon Fraser University: SFU is not able to guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students. For information about the on-campus housing available, see:

<http://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/housing.html>

An alternative option is to find your own private accommodation (plan to arrive beforehand to give yourself time to search). Advice on finding off-campus private accommodation can be found at:

<http://www.sfu.ca/students/exchange/housing/off-campus.html>

SFU's International Office also suggests connecting with other incoming students to find room-mates. This can be done through the 'SFU Incoming Students' Facebook group.

The University of Guelph: Students can apply for on-campus accommodation at Guelph, however due to high demand, Guelph are unable to guarantee accommodation for exchange students. For information about Guelph's on-campus accommodation, see: <https://housing.uoguelph.ca/our-communities>

Canada: Useful Links

Apartment Rental Websites:

<https://geo.craigslist.org/iso/ca>

<https://apartmentlove.com/>

<https://www.sublet.com/>

Useful Information:

<http://moving2canada.com/>

<https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/services/index.asp>

Cost of living information:

www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living

Off-campus housing can be found at Guelph, if you are a semester student, please be aware that many landlords require students to sign an eight or twelve month lease.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/studentexperience/off-campus-living/>

Alternatively, the Central Students Association have a website where students who need a place to live can post an ad and, can look at ads of students who are looking for room-mates.

<https://thecannon.ca/classifieds/housing>
<https://www.kijiji.ca/>



University of Ottawa: University of Ottawa is not able to guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students, however, this does not mean you are unable to apply for a university residence, but be warned the system is first-come-first-served. More information can be found at:

<https://www.uottawa.ca/campus-life/housing>

If you're interested in off-campus accommodation, the average monthly price of a furnished single room in a private house is around £340, while a 1-bedroom apartment may cost around £570. For help and advertisements in Ottawa and Gatineau see the link below:

<https://www.uottawa.ca/campus-life/housing/off-campus-housing-information>

University of Victoria: UVic is unable to guarantee on-campus housing for exchange students. A large proportion of university residences are allocated to first-year students, however, you are eligible to take part in the undergraduate lottery which allocates the remaining rooms before May:

<https://www.uvic.ca/residence/>

Alternatively, UVic has teamed up with Places4Students to provide a safe and regulated housing forum. We advise arriving a couple of weeks early if you are seeking private accommodation:

<https://www.places4students.com/Places/School?SchoolID=oYgon4Kqkp0%3dt>



Israel

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

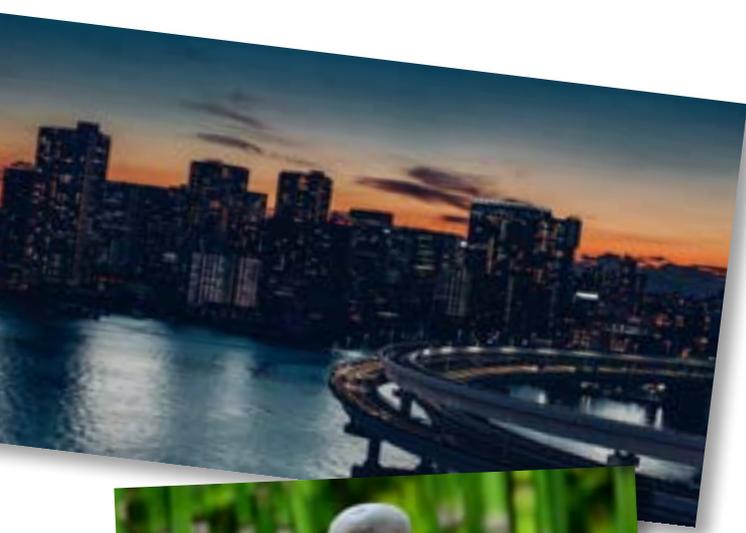
Exchange students are guaranteed accommodation as long as you apply on time and pay the deposit. You will most likely be in the Student Village. You can find more information here:

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/student-life/university-housing/>

For information on private housing:

<https://overseas.huji.ac.il/student-life/university-housing/off-campus-housing/>





Japan

Rikkyo University: RU will arrange accommodation for you, however, you must be willing to stay in all available dormitory options. RU also works with estate agents to find students private rentals at a good price. See here for more information:

<https://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/campuslife/others/dormitories.html>

Hitotsubashi University: Please see:

<https://international.hit-u.ac.jp/en/curr/accom/>

Mexico

Universidad de las Americas: UDLAP offers on-campus housing to all students. There are 4 residential colleges: Cain Murray, Ray Lindley, Ignacio Bernal and José Gaos. Dorms are divided into suites with 4-8 students sharing. All suites are equipped with a shared kitchen, living area, toilet/shower facilities, and a washer/dryer. Students may choose to stay in a private or shared room. The colleges aim to create a strong community environment for students and to widen their cultural experience. Applications are made on-line once you have received your student number:

<http://www.udlap.mx/colegios/>

Students may also choose to live off-campus. However, finding housing is the student's responsibility and it is recommended that students wishing to do this arrive prior to Orientation. The on-campus information centre publishes housing listings and details.

Mexico: Useful Links

Apartment Rental Websites:

<https://www.roomgo.com.mx/>

Cost of living information:

www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living



New Zealand

University of Auckland: The University of Auckland guarantees on-campus housing for Manchester exchange students, providing that they apply before the deadline and that they pay the deposit. More information about how to apply can be found here:

www.accommodation.auckland.ac.nz/en/ac-applying-for-accommodation.html

An alternative option is to find your own private accommodation using the information and recommendations provided by the University of Auckland here:

<https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/on-campus/accommodation/private-accommodation.html>

New Zealand: Useful Links

Apartment Rental Websites:

<https://www.nzflatmates.co.nz/>

Cost of living information:

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

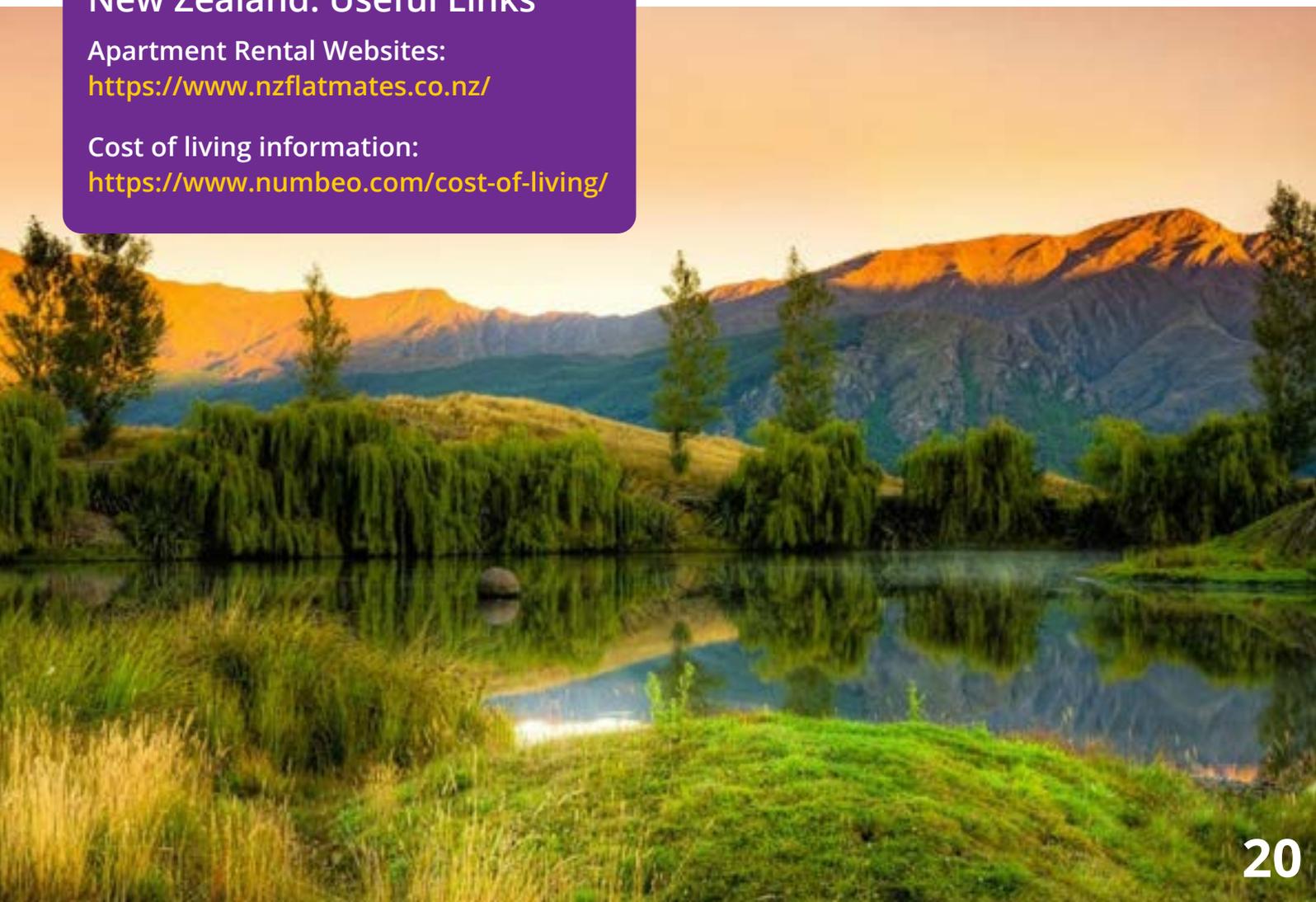
University of Otago: Here are 15 on-campus colleges at Otago which are all fully catered and located no more than a 20 min walk to the university. To find out how to apply please visit:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/accommodation/index.html>

If you are interested in going into off-campus accommodation, the University of Otago has listings of private rental accommodation on its website.

The university also has listings of students looking for flatmates and offers guidance on finding a flat and signing a lease:

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/flats/>





South East Asia

Chinese University of Hong Kong: Exchange students are automatically assigned on-campus housing, mostly in double or triple occupancy rooms within 'International House'.

<https://www.oal.cuhk.edu.hk/campuslife/>

Hong Kong Polytechnic University:

Exchange students are guaranteed accommodation at the PolyU Student Halls of Residence in a twin-sharing room. No single rooms are available - room sharing is part of the culture.

<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/sao/srss/hall/>

Nanyang Technological University,

Singapore: NTU offers guaranteed accommodation for students providing they apply before the deadline given each year.

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/life-at-ntu/accommodation>

National University of Singapore: You can apply for on-campus accommodation at NUS, however, rooms are not guaranteed.

<https://www.nus.edu.sg/gro/global-programmes/student-exchange/incoming-exchangers>

Singapore Management University: Students often find that the easiest option for accommodation is a student hostel. These are very similar to halls and are cheap, close to campus and full of other exchange students

<https://www.smu.edu.sg/global/study-in-smu>

For rental of private apartments/condominiums, it is important that students read and understand Singapore's governing policies on short-term rental, from the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) website:

<https://www.ura.gov.sg/Corporate/Property/Residential/Renting-Property>

University of Hong Kong: There is great demand for on-campus housing at HKU. Therefore, you must apply early. There is no deposit required (no added risk in applying early). <https://www.cedars.hku.hk/sections/accommodation.php>

Off-campus, privately rented housing information is also included on HKU's Housing Service website. You can find lots of information on how to rent in Hong Kong as well as vacancy listings.

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I was given a room in the heart of the campus extremely well located. I shared my room with an international girl and it was great. The space depends on whatever price you are willing to pay for.

Coralie, Politics and International Relations

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Ewha Womans University, S. Korea: Ewha provides on-campus housing for exchange. However, it is designated on a first-come first-serve basis. Tuberculosis negative results are required for students who have applied for on-campus housing .

<http://www.ewha.ac.kr/ewhaen/life/dormitory.do>

Seoul Global Center is a great resource for finding housing in South Korea. There are many different types of housing options available. Not only are there the usual array of apartments, studios and private houses, but Serviced Residences, which provide room service, meals and transport.

<https://global.seoul.go.kr/web/main.do>

South East Asia: Useful Links

Apartment Rental Websites:

www.sublet.com/region_rentals/southeastasia_rentals.asp

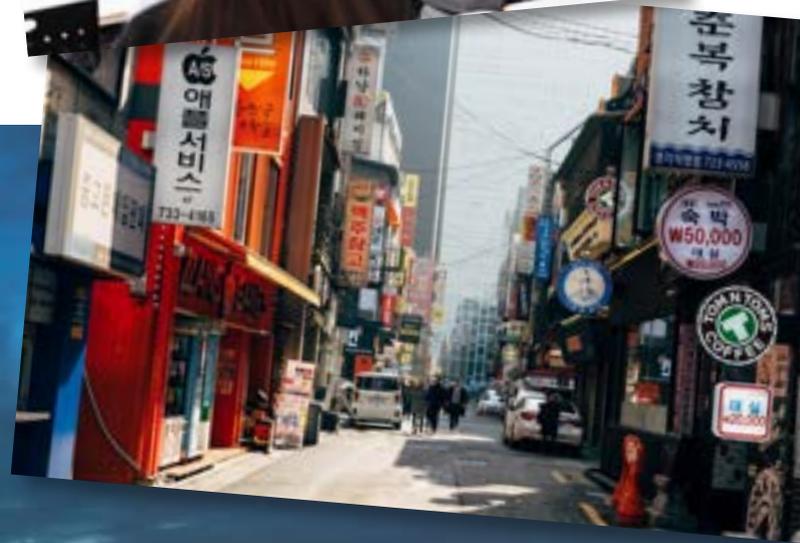
www.propertyguru.com.sg/

Cost of living information:

www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living

I found my accommodation for first semester through a girl that I met couch surfing, and then moved in the second semester. Don't feel as though you have to stick to one place, it's great to explore!

Hannah, Social Anthropology





Arizona State University: ASU is not able to guarantee on-campus housing for its exchange and study abroad students. Places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. For information about both on and off-campus housing options at ASU, visit:

<https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/international/housing>

Case Western Reserve University: Case Western offers on-campus accommodation to international exchange students. You will apply upon receiving your acceptance letter, and you will be expected to purchase a meal plan. For details about the on-campus housing options, visit:

<https://case.edu/housing/application-process>

North Carolina State University: NC State offers on-campus accommodation to exchange and study abroad students. Students are encouraged to apply for Alexander Global Village and places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. More information about the housing options is available here: <https://housing.unc.edu/live/future-residents/transfer-students/>

Rutgers, State University of New Jersey: On-campus accommodation is mandatory for exchange and study abroad students. You will apply as part of your application to Rutgers. Many students also purchase a meal plan. To explore the housing options, visit:

<http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/>

Indiana University Bloomington: Exchange students can live both on and off campus. IUB recommends students stay in residences on campus and most students prefer this. Use this link for information on residence applications and for off-campus private rentals:

<https://ois.iu.edu/living-working/housing/index.html>

Stony Brook University: SBU automatically requests on-campus housing for all exchange and study abroad students. You can research the housing options here:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studentaffairs/res/>

USA Useful Links

Apartment Rental Websites:

www.roommates.com

www.roomster.com

Cost of living information:

<https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>





University of California: the University of California is not able to guarantee on-campus accommodation for exchange and study abroad students. Places in residences are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. Visit the page below for information about the on and off-campus housing options for each campus: <https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/housing>

University of Colorado Boulder: the University of Colorado offers university housing to exchange students. Meal plans are offered during the application process. Students may also opt for private housing. For information about the various on and off-campus housing options, visit: <https://living.colorado.edu/housing>

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: UIUC does not reserve housing for international exchange students. Students are responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

For information about the on-campus accommodation options, visit: <https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/discover/campus-life/housing>

Information about the off-campus accommodation options can be found here: <https://certified.housing.illinois.edu/>



University of Kentucky: UK can only guarantee on-campus accommodation if the student submits their online housing application in advance of their arrival on campus. Exchange students will be able to submit an application for on-campus accommodation once they have been officially admitted to UK. Students living on campus will automatically be enrolled in a basic meal plan. Details about the on-campus housing options are available here: <http://www.uky.edu/housing/undergraduate/places-to-live>

Exchange students choosing to live off-campus are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. Off-Campus Student Services offers guidance on private accommodation: <https://www.uky.edu/student-services/OCSA/know-your-options>

University of Maryland: Maryland offers on-campus accommodation for exchange students. You request housing once you have received your login details from the Study Abroad office. For details about on-campus housing, visit: <http://reslife.umd.edu/>

Alternatively, students at Maryland may opt for off-campus housing. Information about living off-campus can be found here:

<http://www.och.umd.edu/>

University of Massachusetts, Amherst:

UMass offers on-campus housing for its exchange students. Students living on-campus will live in a shared room and will be expected to purchase a meal plan. For information about on-campus housing, visit:

<https://www.umass.edu/living/>

Students may also arrange their own off-campus accommodation, using the UMass off-campus housing website:

<https://offcampushousing.umass.edu/>

University of Missouri, Columbia: Missouri will arrange on-campus housing for its exchange students. Students are encouraged to live in Pangea International House, although this can be competitive. Students living on-campus will be required to purchase a dining plan. For information about the various on-campus housing options, visit:

<https://housing.missouri.edu/neighborhoods>

An alternative option is to look for private housing, although most students live on-campus: <https://offcampus.missouri.edu/>

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill:

UNC Chapel Hill offers on-campus housing for its exchange students. Students apply for their place in residences when they complete their application for the university. Students should expect to share a room, and at some halls, they will be required to purchase a meal plan.

Alternatively, students can opt to stay in off-campus accommodation. Information about the on and off-campus housing options for exchange students is available here: <https://housing.unc.edu/live/future-residents/transfer-students/>

University of Tennessee, Knoxville: UTK automatically reserves housing for study abroad students in Andy Holt Residences. Students will be expected to purchase a meal plan. For information about all on-campus housing available and the Andy Holt Residences, please see:

<http://housing.utk.edu/>

University of Vermont: exchange students are housed in a suite double, traditional double, or within a housing community for exchange students. Single rooms are available on a limited basis. All rooms are single-sex, but suites may be mixed-sex. Bathrooms, cooking and laundry facilities are shared. After acceptance to UVM, the Office of Residential Life will send you an on-line housing application.

Information about housing at UVM is available at: <http://reslife.uvm.edu>

Wellesley College: Wellesley reserves on-campus housing for exchange students. Students are expected to purchase a meal plan for their time at Wellesley College. For more information about the housing options at Wellesley, visit:

<https://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/>

“ I lived in Morrison which was a very sociable hall and I was lucky to live with seven lovely friendly girls. It is big enough that you'll meet lots of other people and there are also lots of Morrison events organised.

Fiona, Social Anthropology

A FINAL REMINDER...

- Research, Research, Research!
- Use My Placement feedback from previous students that have studied abroad to help you with your decision.
- Rent from a trusted landlord or company.
- Speak to a Global Guidance Ambassador.
- Talk to returned or inbound study abroad students about where they stayed.
- Carefully consider what you want from your accommodation and what your priorities are.
- Make sure there are no hidden costs.
- Don't pay for anything without seeing it first (or request a virtual tour).
- Carefully read your contract, ask for it to be translated or ask a native speaker to read it where applicable.
- Be open minded: you might not get exactly what you want, so be flexible!

It's a big world out there, it would be a shame not to experience it – good luck and have fun!

