Housing at Princeton

A Guide for Prospective Graduate Students



Graduate Student Housing

http://hres.princeton.edu/graduates

Housing Policy and Deadline

Over 70 percent of all enrolled graduate students live in Graduate Housing, whether the Graduate College, the Graduate College Annexes, or in Graduate Apartments. Housing is guaranteed for all new students who have accepted admission and who have applied for housing by the April 15th deadline, although placement in a specific location is not guaranteed.

If a student is arriving over the summer, housing will be provided and every effort is made to place the student in the housing that they will have during the academic year. When applying for early arrival housing, indicate the earliest possible date of your arrival in your application. If your arrival date changes later, you can make a request for the start of your contract to be moved back.

First and second year graduate students are eligible to retain their apartments and townhouses through the contract renewal process, which typically takes place in February. Priority for housing decreases as your year of study increases. Students can expect to retain on-campus graduate housing for their first three years of study.

Students seeking housing that they will share full time with their spouse, domestic partner, and/or dependents are required to provide documentation of the relationship by the April 15 housing application deadline. If you have a change in family status after you submit your housing application and it is after the deadline, you should contact the housing office in writing. You will be placed on a waiting list for appropriate housing based on the date we receive your notification. Single students may also request apartment housing. Single students who select a two-bedroom apartment option without a roommate will have a roommate assigned to them.

Graduate Housing Contract Information

The Graduate Student Housing Office will attempt to provide applicants with accommodations that meet their needs, and you can expect to receive an offer for housing towards the end of May. You have seven days to accept a housing contract offer. Offers not accepted within seven days will be canceled. All offers are sent to your Princeton email address. At that time, if you are still intending to live on campus, you must accept the contract. If changes need to be made to the start date, housing location or meal plan, you must first accept the contract and then request the change. The Housing Office will only be able to amend the contract after you have accepted it.

Questions? Visit the Housing FAQ page: http://hres.princeton.edu/graduates/my-housing/frequently-asked-questions. If you have specific questions about your application, housing assignment or contract, please send an email to askhousing@princeton.edu.

On-Campus Housing Options

http://hres.princeton.edu/graduates/explore/on-campus-housing

Graduate Colleges



The soaring Cleveland Tower and stained glass of Proctor Hall are renowned features of the gothic-style Old Grad College. This is a popular choice for incoming students as it features a variety of furnished room styles ranging from singles to quads with private or semi-private baths. Amenities include the common room, reading room, coffee house, vending café, exercise room, projector room, and the D-Bar. Residents are required to buy a meal contract to be used in the Grad College dining hall, any of the Residential College dining halls or the Center for Jewish Life, a certified kosher dining facility. Residents are assessed house dues permitting them access to all the social functions and facilities of the Grad College.



Adjacent to the Old Grad College, the New Graduate College, built in 1962, has furnished single rooms and shared baths. Amenities include a music room with a piano, common room, TV lounge and common kitchen. Grad College house dues are assessed.

Just a short walk from the Grad College are three annexes featuring furnished single rooms with shared baths and common areas including a kitchen. Purchasing a meal plan is optional for annex residents. Grad College house dues are assessed to provide access to all the social functions and facilities of the Grad College.

Graduate Colleges Fees and Expenses

These figures represent the cost for the 2018-2019 academic year.

These figures will likely increase by about 3% for the 2019-2020 academic year.

All figures are in U.S. dollars.

The cost of each room reflects its size.

Graduate College and Annex Costs for Academic Year 2020-2021 Room contract – *Rate is for the full academic year (9 months) per student per bed cost*	
New Graduate College	
Single Rooms: 2 Room Single: 1 Room Single:	$9,724 $7,544
Old Graduate College	
Single Rooms: 2 Room Single: 1 Room Single:	$9,724 $7,544
Double	$8,547 - $9,724
Walkthrough double* *With this room type, one roommate must walk through the other roommate's bedroom to access the bathroom.	$5,627
Triple Quad	Range from $7,544 - $9,724 $7,544 - $8,547
Annex	
Single	$5,576 - $8,878
31 Edwards	$7,544
Meal contract (annual cost) **	
Unlimited Plan—Unlimited entry to residential dining halls plus 10 additional guest meals per semester.	TBD
Block 235—235 Meals per semester (10 of which may be used for guests)	TBD
Block 190—190 Meals per semester (10 of which may be used for guests)	TBD
Block 95—95 Meals per semester (10 of which may be used for guests)	TBD
Graduate College house dues	TBD

** Block meal totals reset at the beginning of each semester. Contract meal plans include meals for the full academic year, excluding break periods. A complimentary (no cost) continental breakfast is served in Procter Hall to all contract members Monday through Friday, including most break periods. Full breakfast and lunch meals are offered in the undergraduate colleges, and a cash-credit option is available at the Frist Campus Center. Full details on these programs are available at the Department of Dining Services website at http://www.princeton.edu/us/dining/. The meal plan is available for graduate students at all residential dining locations on campus.

Apartments

Lawrence Apartments–Buildings 1 to 7

Lawrence Apartments are located off Alexander Street and comprises 93 one-bedroom unfurnished units in 12-story high-rise and 55 two-bedroom unfurnished units in a cluster of two-story buildings. Each apartment includes a kitchen with refrigerator and stove. Residents must pay for electric, cable and telephone. Heat, gas and water are included in the monthly rate. All residents must setup a utility account with PSE&G. Please note that Building 1 is a non-smoking building.







New Lawrence Apartments–Buildings 8 to 14

These buildings, also located off Alexander Street, opened in 2004 and include unfurnished studio, one-bedroom or two-bedroom floor plans. Each apartment includes a kitchen with refrigerator and stove, wall-to-wall carpeting and spacious closets. Residents must pay for cable and phone service. All other utilities (air conditioning, heat, water and electricity) are included in the monthly rate. The apartments feature central air conditioning, individual thermostat control, ceramic-tiled bathrooms and soaking tubs in all apartments.

Coin-operated laundries are available for Lawrence apartments. Laundry equipment is not permitted in individual apartments. Parking is available, but permits are required and may be obtained at the Transportation and Parking Services website. Pets that can be humanely restricted to cages, bowls or aquaria are permitted at the Lawrence Apartments but dogs and cats are not. Both wireless and wired Internet access is included at Lawrence through Dormnet networking services.

Lakeside Apartments and Townhomes



New in 2015, Lakeside Graduate Housing is now home for 715 students in 329 units. The new complex is located on campus adjacent to Lake Carnegie and within walking distance of the Dinky train station.

The apartments feature one-bedroom, one-bath units; two-bedroom, two-bath units; and three-bedroom, three-bath units. The townhouses feature three-bedroom, three-bathroom units; and four-bedroom, three-bath units. Layouts in a variety of floor plans are open, and some apartments and townhouses are fully furnished. Furnished units include bedroom, dining, and living room furniture.

The complex offers a fitness center, social lounge with television, computer cluster, children's playroom and multifunction room, a patio for barbecuing, basketball and volleyball courts, and a parking garage. There is a multi-level garage (University permit required), and Tiger Transit shuttle available.

Apartment Fees and Expenses

These figures are subject to change. All figures are in U.S. dollars.

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Lawrence Apartment Costs (per month)	
Building 1 to 7	
One bedroom (Bldg #1)	$1,258
Two bedroom (Bldg #2 to 7)	$1,528
Buildings 8 to 14	
Studio/Efficiency, per month	$862
One bedroom, per month	$1,324
Two bedroom, per month	$1,722

Lakeside Apartment Costs	
One bedroom units	$1,321
Two-bedroom units	$1,712
Three-bedroom units	$2,322
Townhomes	
Three-bedroom	$2,370
Four-bedroom	$2,724 - $3,240
Utility charge estimate per unit per month	$72 - $168
Furnished units available at $15 additional per bed per month	

Furniture

A furnished unit option at Lakeside is available for an additional $15.00 per bed per month.
All other units are unfurnished. In addition to regular monthly expenses, you should expect to spend at least $1,500 to furnish an apartment. Secondhand furniture is available; newspapers and notice boards may be consulted for offers. Students are required to insure their possessions; the University does not cover the cost of theft, loss or damage.

Personal Property Protection & Pet Insurance

The contract holder is required to carry and maintain personal property protection (“renter’s”) insurance while living in University housing. Those with pets must also carry personal liability coverage. The contract holder must provide proof of coverage upon request by the University. The minimum acceptable levels of coverage for 2019-2020 are $4,000 in personal property protection for all contract holders and $100,000 in personal liability coverage for those with pets. Students may keep pets only after registering them with the Housing Department by filing a Resident Information Sheet and proof of required levels of personal property protection and liability insurance. The University provides information on carriers for such coverage

(www.haylor.com/student), but does not require the contract holder to procure coverage from any specific vendor. The contract holder must provide proof of coverage upon request by the University.

Off-campus Housing

Many students live off-campus, especially after their first or second year. For more information, visit the University's off-campus housing website, http://offcampushousing.princeton.edu/.