Finding Graduate Student Housing @ Harvard

www.huhousing.harvard.edu
Welcome!

• The Cambridge/Boston housing market is both **tight** and **expensive**.

• Housing options include:
  – HU Housing apartments
  – Graduate residence halls
    • HUH – Cronkhite Graduate Center
    • Graduate Schools - HLS, HBS, GSAS & HMS/HSPH
  – Private market apartments

• Reduce expenses by finding a roommate.
Welcome to HU Housing (HUH)
About HUH

• Approximately 3,000 units.
  – About half become available each year.
  – Demand typically exceeds supply – an approved application does not guarantee an apartment or HUH residence hall unit.

• Visit www.huhousing.harvard.edu and click on Other Housing and Resources for more housing options.

• Start looking early!
Top Reasons to Live in HUH

• Location, location, location!
• No security deposit, application fee, or finder’s fee required.
• Utilities are included in the rent.
• High-speed Internet service in most apartments and common rooms.
• Local property managers; after-hours emergency services.
• Some pet-friendly and furnished apartments.
Top Reasons to Live in HU Housing

- All properties are non-smoking
- Laundry facilities in most properties
- On-site fitness rooms in some properties
- Commitment to sustainability.
  - green.harvard.edu/huhousing
- Graduate Commons Program
  - graduatecommons.huhousing.harvard.edu
Welcome to Graduate Commons

LIVE

LAUGH

& LEARN

@ GRADUATE COMMONS

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About Graduate Commons

- A benefit of living with HU Housing is automatic membership in the Graduate Commons Program.
- 90% of our events are offered to residents for FREE.
- GCP provides an opportunity for residents to meet others from across the university and in different disciplines.
- Opportunities for residents to plan and host their own events by becoming Community Advisors.
- GCP provides a chance to live a life outside the classroom that has just as much to offer.
GCP Events

- GCP live-in **Faculty Directors** connect with residents through monthly lecture series and open house/dinner events.
- Programming includes:
  - Fitness classes
  - Outings across Boston
  - Cooking classes & cultural dinners
  - Family-focused events
  - And much more!
HU Housing Application Process

• Apply any time at www.huhousing.harvard.edu.

• Submit your application any time between March 1 and May 1 to participate in the “View and Select” leasing process in early May.
  – This is when the majority of our apartments are rented.

• Approved applicants can check our “Currently Available” listings at any time.
  – Apartments will be listed there beginning early April.
Two ways to select a unit

• **Currently Available**
  – Once your application is approved you can check the Currently Available listings at any time.
  – Start dates will vary.
  – **Unit can be selected at any time, whether or not you have been assigned to a View and Select window.**

• **View and Select Windows**
  – If you apply between March 1 and May 1 you will be assigned to a “window” in May when you can View available inventory and Select a unit.
  – Most units are leased during this period.
  – **Unit can only be selected on the assigned “Select” day.**

• Visit [www.huhousing.harvard.edu](http://www.huhousing.harvard.edu) and click on “Apply” for more information.
Maximize Your Chances

• Apply between March 1 and May 1 to participate in the “View and Select” process and for early access to the Currently Available inventory.

• Browse properties at any time to identify your favorites – don’t wait for your “View” period to start looking!

• Prepare a list of acceptable properties and apartments.
  – View floor plans and riders on your “View” day.
  – Be flexible about location, amenities, start date, etc.
Browse Properties

Visit www.huhousing.harvard.edu and click on “Properties”

You can search for special amenities, such as Pet Friendly and Furnished*

*Not every apartment in a pet friendly or furnished building has those amenities. More info is available on the site.
Remember Currently Available

- Whether or not you are assigned to a “View and Select” window, start checking the Currently Available listings as soon as your application is approved.
  - You may find your dream unit before your “View and Select” dates.
  - Units are typically listed starting in April.
Check Currently Available Listings
Currently Available

Please Note
When viewing the amenities for specific properties and units (apartments), please refer to the Amenities List for important information about the following:

- Accessible (wheelchair accessible)
- Onsite Parking
- Other Amenities

Self Service

Please read the following instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS
Self Service — Currently Available — View and Select Windows

Please note: Our website is maintained every day between the hours of 4:00 am - 4:00 am Eastern Standard Time. Eastern Daylight Time. You may experience intermittent issues during this period. (Eastern Daylight Time begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November each year. The clocks move one hour ahead in March and one hour back in November.) Check your time zone help.

Go to the end of this page to learn how to minimize problems when using this web site.

I have read and agree to follow instructions.

Currently Available Apartments

Any approved applicant may select a Currently Available apartment at any time.

Please be aware that when you select a Currently Available apartment, you may not change your mind. You are entitled only one opportunity to select an apartment. Please only select an apartment when you are sure that you will live in it. You will be given the apartment only after you confirm your apartment selection.

If you have questions about Currently Available apartments, please contact the Leasing Office at 617-495-1459 or send an email to housing@harvard.edu.

View and Select Windows

Your Select window has passed.

- You are no longer able to proceed through the Self Service leasing system.
- You may select an apartment from the list of Currently Available apartments (see above).
- Contact a leasing coordinator at 617-495-1459 or email the affiliated leasing office at housing@harvard.edu if you have any questions.
Use the Inventory Report

• If you are assigned to a late “View and Select” window, use this information to help you decide if you want to select a unit on the Currently Available list, rather than wait for your window.

• When the View and Select windows open we will post a daily Inventory Report that will be visible when you log in to the Applicant Portal.
  – This will give you an indication of how quickly units are being snapped up.
# Sample Availability Report

## Harvard University Housing
Available Apartment Inventory

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Quantity Available</th>
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<td>One Bedroom</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Studio</td>
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<td><strong>View and Select</strong></td>
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Make the Most of Your “View” Day

• During your “View” day you will see which apartments will be available during your “Select” day.
  – Use this time to refine your “wish list”.
  – Have multiple options ready.

• Be agile on your “Select” day.
  – Many others are selecting at the same time as you.
  – If the unit you want is taken before you can select it, immediately go to your next choice.
Other Options

• Private Market Housing
  – View private market apartment listings posted by area landlords and real estate agents
    • [http://www.harvardhousingoffcampus.com](http://www.harvardhousingoffcampus.com)
  – Visit huhousing.harvard.edu and click on Other Housing and Resources
  – Due diligence is recommended before sending money to a landlord or signing a lease

• Consider your school’s residence hall if you are attending HLS, HBS, GSAS, HMS or HSPH.
More Information

• Visit www.huhousing.harvard.edu