

FAQs for the Graduate Housing Application

1. When should I expect to hear from the Office about my application?
 - a. The Graduate Housing Lottery will be held on May 7, 2025. The application is now available, visit the “Apply for Housing” page for more information. The Graduate Housing team will reach out with a housing offer if an apartment becomes available within your desired occupancy dates. Please be patient and wait to be contacted with a housing offer, we are unable to provide waitlist positions. We encourage you to pursue your off-campus housing options as well. Please visit our [Off-Campus Housing website](#) for resources. If you haven't received an offer three weeks before your desired move-in date, it's unlikely that you will receive an offer.
2. Where can I find a detailed description of the application process?
 - a. A detailed description can be found in the Graduate Housing Policies and Guidelines handbook and in the Grad Application Instructions.
3. What can I do to increase the chance to get an assignment offer?
 - a. To increase the chances for assignment, you can state your preferred dates as broadly as possible, submit the application separately from your IRM (identified roommate), and apply for multiple housing locations and styles of apartments.
 - i. Only choose apartments you are willing to live in, if you are made an offer and decline you will go to the bottom of all wait lists.
 - ii. Any changes made to your housing preferences after you application is submitted will result in being placed at the bottom of all waitlists.
4. Is it possible that both my IRM (identified roommate) and I receive an offer if we both apply?
 - a. Yes, it is possible that you and your roommate may receive an offer at different times if you both applied. For example, if both of you applied to WPK and Goler, it's possible that you may receive an offer at WPK in June and your roommate may receive an offer in Goler in July. But once an offer has been accepted, it cannot be changed or transferred to another students. Whoever receives and accepts the offer will be the leaseholder. The student arriving in Rochester the earliest should be the one to accept their offer and hold the lease. The leaseholder must arrive first to sign the lease and pick up the keys.
5. What if the IRM (identified roommate) I entered in the application is different than the actual roommate I will have?

- a. It does not matter. The IRM you will have eventually is the person who registers at the Complex Office with you.
6. Where can I look for a roommate?
 - a. **Grad Housing Roommate Matching Questionnaire:** If you chose single and single with an identified roommate as your preferred occupancy type, you will be prompted to an optional roommate matching questionnaire. You may choose to skip this page.
 - b. **Places4Students:** Visit the off-campus listing service, <https://www.places4students.com/Places/School?SchoolID=mw68%2bNAVwo0%3d>. You will need to create a student account to communicate with potential landlords or post on this site (Click on Student – log-in – log in with University provider, University of Rochester --log in with University credentials and create an account with your University email).
 - c. Off-Campus Housing Slack: Students can also join the Off-Campus Housing Slack: Email offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu for the link to join. You can view or post on the #roommate-needed channel.
 - d. Graduate Housing Slack: Email gradhousing@rochester.edu for the link to join. You can view or post on the #roommate-matching channel.
7. When should I start looking for off-campus housing?
 - a. You should begin your off-campus housing search at the same time you start your Graduate Housing search (to see what is available, current rental rates, etc...). If you haven't received an offer for Graduate Housing three weeks before your desired move-in date, you should move forward with applying for off-campus housing. Visit Places4Students, <https://www.places4students.com/Places/School?SchoolID=mw68%2bNAVwo0%3d>, to begin your housing search. Visit the Off-Campus Housing website for additional resources, <https://www.rochester.edu/reslife/non/index.html>. Email offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu with additional questions.