

FAQs for the Graduate Housing application process:

Who is eligible for Graduate Housing?

Graduate Housing is available to:

- Full-time graduate students, medical students, and post-graduate trainees (including postdoctoral trainees and fellows, residents/interns, and fellows of the School of Medicine and Dentistry and the Eastman Institute for Oral Health as determined by University benefits code).

Who can live in Graduate Housing with me?

Can my partner, spouse, or dependent children live with me?

- Yes, your immediate family can live with you (partner, spouse, dependent children). All occupants must be added to your StarRez portal.

What about roommates (IRM)?

- You and your roommate may receive offers at different times/locations
- Offers are final once accepted (cannot transfer)
- The student arriving earliest should accept their offer and hold the lease

Can I change my roommate later?

- Yes—your listed IRM does not have to be your final roommate
- Your actual roommate is whoever registers with you at the housing office. All roommates must be registered at the Complex Office.

How do I find a roommate?

- Roommate Board on [Places4Students](#)
 - Create an account with your university email
 - Browse or post on the roommate board
- Graduate & Off-Campus Housing Slack channels:
 - Email for the link to join:
 - Graduate & Family Housing: [✉ gradhousing@rochester.edu](mailto:gradhousing@rochester.edu)
 - Off-Campus Housing: [✉ offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu](mailto:offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu)

What is the guest policy?

- With the consent of your roommate (if you have one), you may have an overnight guest visit for up to two weeks once every six month period. You are responsible for the behavior and actions of your guest, who must be in your company while visiting University property.

Where can I learn about the application process?

Review the [Graduate Housing Policies and Guidelines handbook](#)

- See **The Application Process** for a detailed step-by-step overview

*Applicants should only submit one application – any changes to your details and preferences must be made in your original application. Any changes to your housing preferences after initial submission will result in being placed at the bottom of all waiting lists.

What should I expect after applying for Graduate Housing?

- The Graduate Housing lottery will be held on **May 6, 2026**
- You will **only be contacted if an apartment becomes available** that matches your preferences
- There is **no fixed timeline**—it depends on availability
- If you do not hear back, no match has been found
- The office **cannot provide waitlist updates**

Bottom line: You may hear soon after May 6—or much later (even near your move-in date)—but only if a unit becomes available

How can I improve my chances?

- Choose **flexible move-in dates**
- Apply to **multiple locations and apartment types**
 - 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 waitlists
 - Any changes made to your housing preferences after your application is submitted will result in being placed at the bottom of all waitlists
 - If you'd like to make a change to your application, please email uapts@reslife.rochester.edu -do not submit a new application
- Submit your application **separately from your roommate (IRM)**

When can I move in, and when do I have to move out?

What is the process for moving in?

- Those who receive a housing offer will receive an assignment date. You can choose to move in after the assignment date, but your lease/rent begins on the assignment date.
- You will make an appointment with the Complex Office where you have been assigned to sign your lease and pick up your key. Appointments will be made Monday-Friday during regular business hours. If you plan to arrive outside of those hours, please email offcampus@reslife.rochester.edu for a list of local hotels.

What is the process for moving out?

- Your eligibility to lease a University apartment is contingent upon your status as a University of Rochester full-time graduate student, accelerate nursing students (ABSN), medical student, postgraduate trainee (including eligible postdoctoral trainees and fellows, Residents/Interns, and fellows of the School of Medicine and Dentistry and the Eastman Institute for Oral Health as determined by University benefits code). You must promptly notify us of any changes in your University status. Applicant qualifications are verified each semester to confirm residents remain eligible.
 - Residents who are approaching the end of the program will receive a notification 60 days before their completion date and will be expected to vacate the premises within 30 days after the program concludes.
 - Residents who are found ineligible for reasons other than program completion will be given 30 days' notice to vacate.

What is included in my apartment?

Furnishings in one- and two-bedroom furnished apartments:

- dining table with four chairs
- sofa and side chair
- coffee and end tables
- bookcase

Each furnished bedroom contains:

- twin bed
- desk with chair
- dresser
- night table
- lamps
- window blinds

Each furnished one- and two- bedroom apartment includes:

- bathroom: sink, cabinet, toilet, and bathtub
- kitchen: refrigerator, electric stove and oven, sink, cabinets

Furnishings in a studio apartment are slightly different due to the size:

- dinette table and two chairs
- twin bed
- desk with chair
- dresser
- night table
- two lamps
- bookcase

Each furnished studio apartment includes:

- bathroom: sink, cabinet, toilet, and bathtub
- small kitchenette with a small refrigerator and stovetop

Can I bring my own furniture?

- No. All university-provided furniture must remain in the suite and cannot be removed.
- You are welcome to bring personal belongings and décor, as long as they follow Residential Life guidelines.

What other amenities are available in Graduate Housing?

- Graduate Housing offers several attractive amenities including: University wifi and streaming television (WPK only; UPK/Goler: you will have to work with Spectrum to set up wifi/cable if needed), GCAs in the buildings who plan events and activities and who can assist you with any concerns or needs; a Common lounge in each complex that can be reserved, bike racks, picnic tables and grills; access to two University shuttle lines; parking (contact the Parking and Transportation Office for more information).

What cleaning services are provided, and where can I do laundry?

Is there housekeeping service?

- Public areas in each complex, such as the laundry room and hallways, are cleaned and maintained by Rochester Management, Inc. (RMI).
- Residents are responsible for cleaning their own apartment, including the kitchen and bathroom.
- Residents are also responsible for regularly disposing of trash and recycling in designated locations in each complex and for maintaining a clean and sanitary living space.

Where can I do my laundry?

- There is a laundry room in each Complex (Goler has two laundry rooms, one on each side of the building). You will pay for your own laundry through an app.

Can I bring a pet?

- Only fish in a 5-gallon or smaller tank are permitted. You may have an Emotional Support or Service Animal with advanced approval from the University's Office of Disability Resources.

*ESAs and Service animals must be approved by ODR before moving them into the suite.

When should I look for off-campus housing?

- Start at the same time as your graduate housing application
- If no offer 3–4 weeks before arrival, move forward with off-campus options

Resources:

- [Places4Students](https://www.places4students.com/schools/305-university-of-rochester-all-campuses-ny) (listings + roommates): <https://www.places4students.com/schools/305-university-of-rochester-all-campuses-ny>
- Off-Campus Housing website: <https://www.rochester.edu/reslife/non/index.html>

*If you secure off-campus housing, please notify Regina in the Apartments Office (uapts@reslife.rochester.edu) to be removed from the waitlists for Graduate Housing and/or Valentine. Please also update your address in UR Student (<https://tech.rochester.edu/wp-content/uploads/QRC-How-to-Update-an-Address-in-UR-Student-Final.pdf>)

Should I also apply for Valentine?

- See the chart "What Graduate Housing is Right for Me" to better understand if Graduate Housing is a good option for you.