

Gender-Inclusive Housing Option at the University of Rochester

Gender-inclusive housing seeks to provide an environment that is welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited to the traditional gender binary (male and female).

We recognize that same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate for all students. While we currently provide opportunities for students to live in singles in apartments and suites in mixed groups, we are now expanding to include any standard double rooms and suite double rooms on coed floors in upper-class housing. This housing option allows students to select roommates regardless of their sex, gender or gender expression. Unless specific mutual requests are made by the roommates, Residential Life will assign students based on the standard gender binary (male/female).

Gender-Inclusive Housing FAQ:

What is Gender-Inclusive Housing option?

The gender-inclusive housing option allows for students to have roommates and suitemates regardless of gender identity and/or expression. This is not limited to a specific floor or building.

What is the purpose of Gender-Inclusive Housing option?

The University of Rochester recognizes that same-sex room assignments are not ideal or appropriate for all students. Gender-inclusive housing seeks to expand the options for students to find a living environment that is welcoming to all gender identities and is not limited to the traditional gender binary (male and female).

Is this option specifically for transgender students?

This option is available to all upper class students whose roommate selection doesn't fit the standard male/female binary. While not specific to transgender students, this option does allow the University to provide better support for our trans population.

Who is eligible for the Gender-Inclusive Housing option?

Any upper class student who is eligible to live on campus is eligible to apply and live in a standard double or suite double with the gender-inclusive housing option. Eligibility is limited to upper class residence halls at this time.

This option is discouraged for those students involved in an intimate/romantic relationship.

Where is Gender-Inclusive Housing available on campus?

In any upper class residence hall with standard doubles and doubles in suites.

How do I sign up for Gender-Inclusive Housing?

To request a gender-inclusive double room, both roommates need to meet with the Director of Housing Operations. This is not to question any student's reasoning – the meeting is to clearly affirm that both residents are willingly choosing to share a room (a mutual request). During the room lottery process, the students may need to work closely with Residential Life to make their selection.

What if someone who is assigned to live in a gender-inclusive space decides they no longer want to live there?

In the event of a vacancy in a gender-inclusive double room or double room in a suite, Residential Life will work with the student whose room has a vacancy to fill the space. The student will be encouraged to identify a friend first. If no one can be identified, the vacancy would be offered based on the gender of record of the current occupant.

What if I no longer want to live in Gender-Inclusive Housing?

Students may request room changes by following the room change procedures.