

Student Housing

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Types

Residence

On campus student dorms, you can room alone or with many students

Apartment Rentals

Often with roommates, found privately or without your school's help

Host Families

Live with a local family in their home

Tools

Your school's online housing bulletin board

Your school's Indigenous Student Center

Kijiji.com

Facebook Marketplace

Airbnb longterm rentals

Facebook housing groups

PadMapper.com, RentCafe.com, Rentals.ca

Google : "city name" + "student" + "Apartment"

Ask other students if they need roommates!

Residence

Residence is great option for first year students! It can be convenient and good for making friends, but is often expensive and you have to apply very early - there are limited spots.

Fees

Residence and rental fees vary a lot by school and city. You can ask your school's recruitment office what typical students spend on living.

Remember: residence may include wifi, food, utilities, and hydro, but these cost extra in a rental.

Deposits

Residence needs a deposit, often before your funding is approved. This means you will need to pay the deposit (usually \$500) yourself.

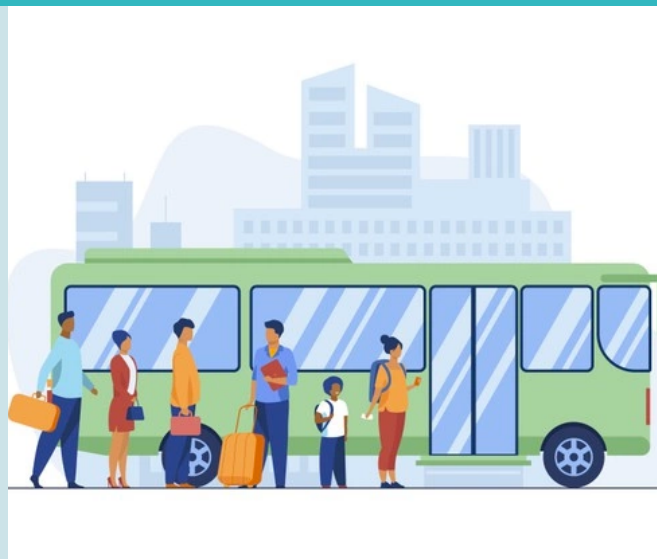
Apartment rentals usually need you to pay "First and Last" before you move in. This is twice your monthly rent cost.

How do you choose?

Think about what is important to you! Here are some things to consider.



Do you want roommates, or to live alone?



Will you take city transit? Or do you need to be close to school?



What is your budget?
(Don't forget about other costs like food and internet!)

Ask your school

If you're stuck on housing, email or call the Student Advisors at your school

Connect with others

Join online groups with other new students - they might have rooms available or know where to look

Start early

The best (and cheapest) housing options are easier to find if you start looking early.

Arrive prepared

Confirm your housing **BEFORE** you travel for school. Have a plan for how to get there when you arrive