Guide to
Graduate and Professional
STUDENT
Living
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This is your guide to living at Cornell – with information about on-campus housing, off-campus housing, dining on campus, and ways to take advantage of all that your new community has to offer.

We invite you to learn more by visiting living.cornell.edu. Or please contact us directly with any questions at housing@cornell.edu, dining@cornell.edu, or 607-255-5368.
Living in University Housing

Cornell’s graduate and professional student communities are home to scholars – and their spouses, partners, and children – from all over the world, and from every walk of life.

About 5 percent of Cornell’s graduate and professional students live on campus, in friendly housing complexes that can accommodate both single students and those with a partner or family. Close to academic buildings and on-campus dining, and with plenty of support services and conveniences, these communities are especially popular among our international students.

Who will your neighbors be?

Living in a residential community can be a great part of your graduate or professional student experience at Cornell. You (and your family) will be part of a community of your peers once you arrive on campus and have the opportunity to make connections with neighbors in a highly diverse and dynamic community. Each year well over 50 countries are represented across the various graduate and professional residential communities – making this a global experience. Visiting scholars as well as residents are engaged in academic programs across Cornell, contributing to a rich intellectual experience as well. There are a tremendous number of benefits to living on campus. You will also be able to:

Get support from professional staff and students who live in the communities.

Meet other graduate and professional students from many academic programs and from around the world.

Connect with other families in a neighborhood environment.

Interact with faculty members outside of your academic program.

on-campus living: positives

- Safe, friendly communities made up of other students and their partners/families
- Close to Cornell’s academic buildings, Cornell Dining’s 29 world-class eateries, several fitness centers, and all that campus has to offer
- Full-time professional staff support to help you get acclimated to all things Cornell and Ithaca
- A built-in social network, with regular social gatherings, and programs and events for children
- Hassle-free apartment living – Cornell takes care of electricity, heat, garbage pick-up, and Internet access
- Convenient Bursar-billed rent payments, with all utilities included in the rates
- Both furnished and unfurnished units

on-campus living: best practices

- Learn about your housing options on pages 10-15, or by visiting housing.cornell.edu
- Apply for housing at housing.cornell.edu as early as possible; there is no application deadline, but housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis (Learn more on page 16)
- To increase your chances of receiving a housing assignment offer, consider selecting more than one preference in the online application process
- Consider signing up for a Cornell Dining meal plan at dining.cornell.edu if you think you’ll be eating some of your meals on campus (Learn more on page 8-9)

who lives on campus?

Source: Graduate Housing Census - October 2016

- Family/Partner Group Households: 197 (46%)
- Single Households: 229 (54%)
- Spouses, Partners, & Adult Family Members: 192
- Children: 143
- U.S. Citizens: 115 (27%)
- Internationals: 311 (73%)
- Countries of Origin Represented: 50

Learn more about on-campus housing on pages 10-15.
Living Off Campus

Most of Cornell’s graduate and professional students (approximately 95%) live off campus in residences that are not University-owned.

The Ithaca area has a wide variety of rental options available to students, including apartments, houses, rooms, and cooperative communities. Many are within walking distance of classes in neighborhoods that border campus; others require a car or use of public transportation. Rental agreements are unique to the property and landlord. Read all terms and conditions carefully before you sign a contract; tenants may be required to arrange and pay for their own electricity, heat, garbage pick-up, and Internet access.

Off-Campus Living, within the Office of Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living, is an excellent resource for students interested in renting housing in the Ithaca community.

Visit their website at offcampusliving.cornell.edu to find:

- Rental listings
- Housing search and selection checklists
- Descriptions of Ithaca’s neighborhoods and surrounding communities
- A budget-planning worksheet
- A lease-signing checklist
- The New York State Tenants Rights Guide
- Information about transportation and parking

Off-Campus Living: Positives

- Ability to choose a community that best fits your lifestyle and needs
- Variety of housing options, from furnished rooms to apartment complexes and single-family homes
- Wide range of pricing options (for example, housing outside of Ithaca is often less expensive than housing that’s closer to the University)
- Opportunity to develop a community outside of Cornell

Off-Campus Living: Best Practices

- Explore the many resources available at offcampushousing.cornell.edu
- Start your housing search as early as possible
- Research neighborhoods and consider proximity to campus, transportation options, and services such as shopping, restaurants, and schools
- If you can’t visit in person, ask a current student to visit a prospective residence for you
- Make sure you understand what is and is not included in the rent (use the lease-signing checklist found at offcampushousing.cornell.edu)

Whether you decide to live on campus or off...

Cornell offers a rich and vibrant community for you to take advantage of and explore – almost a town unto itself. You’ll find:

- Amazing food at 29 on-campus eateries (Cornell Dining is one of the top university dining programs in the country!) – and special meal plans for graduate and professional students (see page 9)
- Frequent social opportunities hosted in the Big Red Barn
- Weekly lectures, performances, and exhibits – plus a movie theater and art museum, right here on campus
- Opportunities to get involved in student governance, clubs, and public service
- Events and resources for students with children
- Four fitness centers, one with an eight-lane swimming pool, and outdoor recreational spaces including tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts, and a world-class golf course
- Two convenience stores for on-the-go groceries, toiletries, and household items, a post office, and two banks — all on campus
- The Cornell Store — for textbooks, supplies, printing, technology and many other services
- Easy bus service to grocery stores, the mall, and downtown Ithaca

Socializing on Campus

Where do graduate and professional students hang out? When they’re not in class or at the lab … you’ll find them at the Big Red Barn!

The Big Red Barn is Cornell’s on-campus social center for graduate and professional students, and is also a Cornell Dining eatery serving breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. The Graduate and Professional Student Center provides snacks and beverages in the afternoons and evenings.

In addition to being a great place to eat, study, and meet friends, the Big Red Barn hosts a variety of weekly events, including:
- Swing & Latin dance lessons
- The ever-popular T.G.I.F (“Tell Grads It’s Friday”)
- International Conversation Hour
- Trivia Night

The Big Red Barn offers more than 200 programs a year. Find out what’s going on this week at www.gradschool.cornell.edu/life-cornell/big-red-barn.
Support for International Students

More than forty percent of Cornell’s graduate and professional students (and 73% of those living in University housing) are from outside the United States, and many come to Cornell never having left their home countries before.

The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) helps students and their families from all over the world adapt and thrive in their new home. Staff advise students on Federal immigration, tax and labor regulations, and offer counseling on personal, academic, and cultural matters. ISSO also provides orientation sessions on adjustment to life at Cornell, workshops on finding employment and working in the U.S., and trips and cultural activities. Learn more by visiting www.isso.cornell.edu.

International residents living in University housing can benefit from the support of full-time staff members, who are on hand in each of our housing communities to help those who are new to this country. We offer:

- Orientation programs to help new residents learn about Cornell, Ithaca, and life in the U.S.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) classes twice each week
- Support and guidance to help translate, answer questions, and advocate
- Assistance enrolling children in school or daycare, learning to use public transportation, and shopping in American supermarkets
- Community reuse programs where residents can leave unwanted items, and new residents can take what they need
- Connections with local human services agencies that provide resources for international residents

Local schools and childcare options

Public Schools

Ithaca’s school-age children (5 years and older) — including those who live in Hasbrouck Apartments — can attend public school, free of charge, in the Ithaca City School District, which has an excellent national rating for academics and cultural diversity. Learn more by visiting www.icsd.k12.ny.us.

Private Schools

A variety of fee-based private school options also exist in the Ithaca area. A list, with links to individual school websites, can be found at www.greatschools.org/new-york/ithaca/.

Childcare Options

The Ithaca area has a wide range of childcare options for infants, toddlers, and preschool children. Cornell’s Dependent Care Consultant can assist students with information about childcare providers, and resources for children with special needs. Learn more by visiting hr.cornell.edu/life/support/children.html or studentswithfamilies.cornell.edu. In addition, Cornell has its own Child Care Center, located across the street from Hasbrouck Apartment. Learn more at child-care-preschool.bright horizons.com/ny/ithaca/cornell.

Students with Partners or Families

Many of our graduate and professional students come to Cornell accompanied by partners, spouses, and/or children.

The Office of Graduate Student Life is a great resource for these students and their families, with in-depth information for partners and spouses, and a website devoted to students with children. Visit gradschool.cornell.edu/life-cornell/partners-and-families to learn more.

One of our two housing complexes for graduate and professional students — Hasbrouck Apartments — accommodates family/partner groups of two to four people. Learn more about occupancy limits on page 13. Both neighborhoods host regular social events and activities, many focused toward children. Hasbrouck’s four playgrounds and many programs for youth make that community especially popular among families with children.

The weekly “Panda Bears” gathering for parents of young children...
Let Cornell Dining do the Cooking!

Dining on campus

Our graduate and professional students tend to be busy, cost-conscious people. That’s why so many choose to eat some – if not all – of their meals in Cornell Dining’s 29 campus eateries. You’ll find a huge variety of healthy and international menu options at our All You Care to Eat dining rooms, retail food locations, cafes, and convenience stores. From 7:00am each morning until 2:00am each night, there is always a Cornell Dining eatery open where – depending on the hour – you can enjoy a gourmet sit-down meal, a customized salad, a quick slice of authentic New York-style pizza, the best sushi around … or just a late between classes.

Choose from hundreds of delicious options – there are Cornell Dining locations all over campus for you to explore!

Did you know?

Cornell Dining is consistently rated in the top ten of the Princeton Review’s list of “Best Campus Food.” That high rating comes from surveys with our very own students – people just like you!

special diets

If you have special dietary requirements or preferences – for health, medical, allergen, religious, ethical, or lifestyle reasons – Cornell Dining can provide the selections you’re looking for.

Kosher

Cornell certified kosher program is a multicultural, campus-wide initiative that accommodates Halal, Muslim, and Seventh-day Adventist dietary requirements. In addition to a full-service kosher dining room, 104West, and a kosher food station in North Star dining room, Appel Commons, Cornell Dining provides sealed and certified kosher Grab-n-Go food items at dining locations throughout campus, and special community meals for Shabbat and holidays. Learn more at dining.cornell.edu.

Vegetarian and Vegan

Whether you follow a vegetarian or a vegan diet, you’ll find delicious options at every one of Cornell Dining’s locations. Our culinary team works to ensure a variety of unique vegetarian and vegan recipes made with fresh, locally grown ingredients.

Food Allergies

Our culinary staff and nutritionist are on hand to discuss ingredients and options with you. We’re happy to work with you to provide you with appropriate menu selections. If you require special dietary accommodations because of food allergies or a medical condition, please first register with Student Disability Services (SDS). Then email dining@cornell.edu to be connected with Cornell Dining’s nutritionist.

We do international cuisine!

Every day we serve dishes based on international and cultural recipes – including those from Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Indian, African, Latin American, Mediterranean, and Italian traditions. Enjoy a taste of home … or explore a new culture through its food!

cornell dining meal plans

If you’ll be eating meals regularly on campus, a Cornell Dining meal plan will save you money, and allow you to make purchases with your Cornell ID card. Options for graduate/professional students include:

Debit Meal Plan options

Each plan includes:

- a specified dollar amount in Big Red Bucks* ($150-$750, depending on the plan) to be spent at any Cornell Dining eatery, convenience store, or vending machine
- a specified number of discounted meals per semester (between 10 and 45, depending on the plan) in Cornell Dining’s ten All You Care to Eat dining rooms
- exemption from NY State’s 8% sales tax on food purchased at any Cornell Dining location

Please see dining.cornell.edu for all available debit meal plans.

Cornell Dining has created two debit plans just for graduate and professional students, keeping your special circumstances in mind:

Graduate Student Meal Plan

Designed specifically for graduate and professional students. Includes:

- $50 in Big Red Bucks*
- a 5% discount on all food purchased at the Atrium Café in Sage Hall
- exemption from NY State’s 8% sales tax on food purchased at any Cornell Dining location
- no administrative fee to sign up

ExecutiveChoice Meal Plan

Exclusively for students in the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Includes:

- a 5% discount on all food purchased at the Atrium Café in Sage Hall
- exemption from NY State’s 8% sales tax on food purchased at any Cornell Dining location
- no administrative fee to sign up

Traditional Meal Plan options

Each plan includes:

- a specified number of discounted meals per week (between 7/week and limitless, depending on the plan) in Cornell Dining’s ten All You Care to Eat dining rooms
- a specified dollar amount in Big Red Bucks* ($400-$500, depending on the plan) to be spent at any Cornell Dining eatery, convenience store, or vending machine
- a specified number of discounted meals per semester (between 10 and 45, depending on the plan) in Cornell Dining’s ten All You Care to Eat dining rooms
- exemption from NY State’s 8% sales tax on food purchased at any Cornell Dining location

Please visit dining.cornell.edu for specific details of each Cornell Dining meal plan.

*Big Red Bucks are declining-balance funds that can be used for tax-free food purchases.
Thurston Court

Open to single students

Thurston Court is an intimate apartment building set back in a peaceful neighborhood on north campus. This is an ideal community for students who want a quiet environment in which to study and rest, while still enjoying a built-in social network of young, single graduate and professional students.

Number of residents: 22
Number of units: 19
Location: On north campus, a 5- to 10-minute walk to central campus, close to academic buildings and Cornell Dining facilities

Unit styles: Studio, 1-bedroom, and 2-bedroom apartments, each with its own kitchen and bathroom; all units furnished
Included in rent: Utilities and Internet service (up to 150 GB/month) included; residents pay additional fees for local and long-distance phone service, cable television, and on-site parking

Building amenities: Laundry facilities in the building
Recreational facilities: A 5-minute walk to two fitness centers, a field house with an indoor swimming pool, and basketball and tennis courts

Hasbrouck Apartments

Open to single students, and students with partners or families

The largest of Cornell’s communities for graduate/professional students, Hasbrouck is an active, multicultural housing complex with a popular community center and plenty of opportunities for engagement with your neighbors.

Hasbrouck is ideal for families with young children, with weekly children’s and youth activities, and four playgrounds that fill up every day after school.

Number of residents: 705
Number of units: 338
Location: On north campus, a 10-minute walk to central campus, and served by frequent buses; close to Cornell's Child Care Center
Unit styles: Studio apartments, 1-bedroom apartments, 2-bedroom apartments, and 2-bedroom townhouses, each with its own kitchen and bathroom; furnished and unfurnished units available
Included in rent: Utilities, local phone service, and Internet service (up to 150 GB/month) included; residents pay additional fees for long-distance phone service, cable television, and on-site parking
Community amenities: An active community center that includes a service center, a multipurpose and TV room, a conference room, and laundry facilities
Recreational facilities: Four playgrounds on the housing complex grounds; adjacent to the university golf course; close to basketball and tennis courts, large playing fields, two fitness centers, and a field house with an indoor swimming pool

Large bedroom in a large 2-bedroom townhouse
Housing Options for Single Students

On-campus housing is popular among our single graduate and professional students, especially for international students who enjoy the built-in social and support networks offered by these communities. Residents enjoy plenty of opportunities for interaction with their neighbors, with frequent dinners, study groups, and recreational activities.

**Thurston Court**
12-month contract period (7/1/17-6/30/18)
All units furnished
Rates available at housing.cornell.edu/contracts
- Small studio (limited availability)
- Studio
- Small 1-bedroom apartment (limited availability)
- Regular 1-bedroom apartment
- 1 regular bedroom in a shared 2-bedroom apartment

**Hasbrouck Apartments**
12-month contract period (7/1/17-6/30/18)
Furnished and unfurnished units
Rates available at housing.cornell.edu/contracts
- Studio – furnished
- 1-bedroom apartment – furnished & unfurnished units
- 1 regular bedroom in a shared 2-bedroom townhouse – furnished
- 1 large bedroom in a shared 2-bedroom townhouse – furnished

**Hasbrouck Apartments**
12-month contract period (7/1/17-6/30/18)
Furnished and unfurnished units
Rates available at housing.cornell.edu/contracts
- Studio – furnished
- 1-bedroom apartment – furnished & unfurnished units
- 2-bedroom apartment (located on 3rd floor) – furnished
- 2-bedroom townhouse (located on 1st & 2nd floors) – furnished & unfurnished units

**Legend**
- K = Kitchen
- B = Bathroom
- Bed = Bedroom
- LR = Living room

Visit housing.cornell.edu for rates and more information.

For details about furnishings, air conditioning, parking, laundry, and other important topics, please see pages 14-15.

Housing Options for Family/Partner Groups

Family/partner group housing is designed for students accompanied by another adult, spouse, partner, or immediate relation, with children. These neighborhoods are known for their strong sense of community fostered through social activities and educational programs. Activities for children abound in both communities, but the playground and recreational areas at Hasbrouck make this neighborhood especially ideal for families with young children.

International students report appreciation for the high level of staff support in the Hasbrouck community, to help them get acclimated to Cornell and the greater Ithaca community.

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- Studio – furnished
- 1-bedroom apartment – furnished & unfurnished units
- 2-bedroom apartment (located on 3rd floor) – furnished
- 2-bedroom townhouse (located on 1st & 2nd floors) – furnished & unfurnished units

**Occancy**
Cornell’s family/partner group apartment units can accommodate two to four people. No more than two adults are permitted per unit.

- Hasbrouck studio apartments can be occupied by a maximum of two persons, one of whom must be a Cornell student or affiliate.
- Hasbrouck one-bedroom apartments can be occupied by a maximum of two adults and one legally dependent child. One adult must be a Cornell student or affiliate.
- Hasbrouck two-bedroom apartments can be occupied by a maximum of two adults and two legally dependent children, or one adult and three legally dependent children. One adult must be a Cornell student or affiliate.
General Rights and Responsibilities
Campus Life’s policies on student conduct reflect the university’s standards of behavior for students, faculty, and staff. We seek to promote understanding and respect for others. Remember that once you have received a housing assignment and signed your housing contract, you have entered into a binding contract with Cornell University and Campus Life, and an unwritten social contract with your neighbors. Please respect the privacy of your fellow residents and do your part to promote a safe and secure residence. Discrimination and intolerance undermine the sense of community that fosters learning and enjoyment.

Furnishings
Graduate units are rented furnished, except for a limited number of units in Hasbrouck. If you are interested in an unfurnished apartment in Hasbrouck, please indicate that in the appropriate place in the application.

SINGLE-STUDENT HOUSING UNITS
Furnishings vary somewhat in the apartment residences (Hasbrouck and Thurston Court). All bedrooms are equipped with the essentials: an extra-long single bed, queen bed, or sofa bed, nightstand, desk with a chair and lamp, chest of drawers, bookshelf, waste basket, and draperies or window shades. Apartment living rooms typically have a two-seat sofa, end table, coffee table, and one or two chairs.

HASBROUCK FAMILY/PARTNER UNITS
Furnishings at Hasbrouck vary slightly between the one- and two-bedroom apartments and the studio apartments. In a typical two-bedroom unit, the living room has a two-seat sofa, two side chairs, a coffee table, end table, TV table, and lamp. The dining area has a table with four chairs, and the kitchen has a refrigerator and stove. The large bedroom has a queen-size bed, five-drawer dresser, nightstand, and lamp. The small bedroom has a single bed (an additional single bed can be “bunked” above it, to accommodate two children), a three-drawer dresser, nightstand, desk with a chair, bookshelf, and lamp. The one-bedroom apartment has a queen-size bed, five-drawer dresser, nightstand, and lamp. The studio apartment is furnished with a refrigerator and stove in the kitchen area, and in the living quarters a convertible sofa bed, two end tables, coffee table, TV table, lamp, three-drawer dresser, and a dining table with two chairs.

Linens, Kitchenware, and Cleaning Supplies
Residents must provide their own sheets, blankets, pillows, etc. All kitchens are equipped with a stove and a refrigerator. Residents of the apartment units (Hasbrouck and Thurston Court) must provide their own kitchenware. Basic cleaning supplies are provided in each apartment at move-in. Items like vacuum cleaner bags and light bulbs are provided by your Service Center at no cost.

Laundry
All university-housing areas have shared laundry facilities with washing machines and dryers. You are not permitted to have a washing machine or dryer in your room or apartment. For laundry use, you may add money to your Cornell ID card online (visit housing.cornell.edu) and swipe your card. Hasbrouck Apartments has both card-accessed and coin-operated machines.

Air Conditioning
Hasbrouck residents may purchase window air-conditioning units that meet university guidelines, but there is a fee to cover installation and removal, plus additional utility consumption. Please visit your Service Center for more information. Air conditioning is not available in Thurston Court.

Parking
You must register any vehicle you bring on campus. On-site parking is available at both graduate-student residences for a fee. You can pay the total amount at registration, or pay in installments.

Transportation Services sets parking fees and fines, issues parking permits, and handles university registration of vehicles. For details, visit transportation.cornell.edu or contact Transportation Services, 116 Maple Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14853-4602 (phone: 607-255-4000).

Electric and Gas Service
Electric service operates on a 115-volt, 60-cycle alternating current. You must provide an adapter to use an appliance not designed for that service. All utility costs are included in your rent.

Phone Service
For residents of Hasbrouck, local telephone service is included in the housing rate. Residents of Thurston Court must request telephone service from Cornell Information Technologies (cit.cornell.edu), and are charged activation and deactivation fees, plus a monthly charge for local service. All students are billed monthly on their university bursar accounts for long-distance service and toll calls. Other long-distance or international phone services may be obtained by using telephone cards.

Computer Network Access
Internet service (up to 150 GB/month) is included in your housing rate. All apartments and single-student rooms have Internet network jacks that can be used to connect a computer directly to the Cornell campus network and the Internet without using a phone line and modem. The service includes activation of the network jack, cables, software, and phone support; you must supply a computer with Internet capabilities and Ethernet hardware. For details, visit it.cornell.edu/services/resnet/, call the CIT HelpDesk at 607-255-8990, or send email to helpdesk@cornell.edu.

Television Service
Residents of Hasbrouck may subscribe to Time Warner Cable TV in their own apartments. Residents of Thurston Court should use an online option available to them to view their favorite programs on their computers. Please be aware that Internet use beyond 150 GB per month incurs a network usage-based billing (NUBB) fee.

Storage
Storage space is not available in Graduate and Professional Student Housing units. Students may inquire about storage options and costs with Big Red Shipping & Storage at bigredshippers.com.

Bus Service
The TCAT bus system serves all university-housing areas. Schedules are available at each area’s Service Center, at the Information and Referral Center in Day Hall, or by visiting busstop.com or calling 607-277-RODE. The Ithaca City School District provides its students with bus service to and from school.

Pets
Pets are not permitted in rooms or apartments, except for extremely small animals that are confined at all times to a cage or an aquarium (e.g., hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, birds, turtles, and fish). Such pets are allowed if their presence, noise, odor, and waste are not a problem for other residents. Dogs, cats, and rabbits are not permitted. If the pet policy is violated, Campus Life will confiscate the pet, refer you to the Judicial Administrator for disciplinary action, and take other administrative action as necessary.

Smoking & Vaporizing
All rooms and areas are smoke-free and vape-free. Smoking and vaporizing are not permitted in common areas and are not permitted in apartments or rooms.

Personal Property Renters Insurance
The university does not insure your personal property. We recommend carrying your own personal property renters insurance against loss and damage (for example, from fire, theft, or floods). Students who plan to live in Hasbrouck should be aware that, despite protective fencing and trees, stray golf balls could enter Hasbrouck’s northern parking area and adjacent grounds. Because Cornell University cannot be held responsible for vehicle damage caused by golf balls, Hasbrouck residents should include comprehensive glass coverage in their automobile insurance plan.

Housing to Accommodate Physical Disabilities
If you have a specific housing need due to a disability, please first register with Student Disability Services (SDS), sds.cornell.edu; phone: 607-255-4045; email: sds_cornell@cornell.edu. You may then apply for housing online (see page 16), indicating your request for adaptive housing in the application process. The Housing & Dining Contracts Office will then work with SDS to offer you a room or apartment that meets your needs.

Continued Occupancy
Residents may renew their housing contract each spring semester to continue occupying their unit the following year. Contact housing@cornell.edu for details.
Apply for 2017-2018 On-Campus Housing

Apply online beginning February 1, 2017: visit housing.cornell.edu.

Housing applications are accepted on a rolling basis. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Housing & Dining Contracts Office at 607-255-5368 to apply. Office hours are listed below.

If you have special housing needs due to a disability, please see page 15 for application instructions. Graduate housing is not guaranteed, but we make every effort to accommodate your request. Housing assignments are made according to your preferences, space availability, and the order in which applications are received. To increase your chances of receiving a housing assignment offer, consider checking more than one preference in your application, or indicating "no preference" to be considered for any available housing.

Housing Assignments

Campus Life notifies prospective residents of their housing assignment by email beginning in March, and continuing throughout the spring and summer as spaces become available. Assignments are made in the order that applications are received and are based on availability.

Once you receive notification of your housing assignment, you must accept and sign your housing contract online within two weeks (if you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Housing & Dining Contracts Office at 607-255-5368). If you cannot sign your housing contract within this time period—or if you do not wish to accept your housing assignment—please contact the Housing & Dining Contracts Office as soon as possible. Contact information and office hours are listed below. If you have not received your housing assignment by July 1, please contact us to follow up on the status of your application.

Apply for a Cornell Dining Meal Plan

Apply online: visit dining.cornell.edu.

Dining meal plan applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning March 1, 2017. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Housing & Dining Contracts Office at 607-255-5368 to apply. Office hours are listed below.

Graduate and professional students may apply for any meal plan offered by Cornell Dining, with the exception of House Meal Plans (for undergraduate residents of the West Campus House System only), and MealChoice / MealChoice Encore (for staff and faculty members only). The Graduate Student Meal Plan is a meal plan designed specifically for graduate and professional students. ExecutiveChoice is a dining plan exclusively for students in the Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Need more information? Or having trouble applying online?

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