Living in Residence

Wondering what residence will be like for your student? We’ve got lots of information on our website, including details about:

- Residence buildings - our residences, located across campus, range from small buildings housing 68 students to larger halls with nearly 800 students. The Buildings section on our website includes details, photos and room tour videos.

- Residence Life staff - we’re proud of our student and professional residence life team, including live-in staff who provide educational programming, guidance and support on each floor.

- Meal plans - visit our Hospitality Services website to learn more about our residence meal plan, our dining halls, retail outlets and resources for those with alternate diets. Students with allergies should contact our team prior to arriving on campus to learn more about dining options on campus. Parents are also welcome to contact us at dining@queensu.ca or 613-533-2953.

- Campus Resources - our website has links to student support and resources in residences and across campus, including information about safety programs, counselling services, peer support and more.

Want to know more? The Queen’s Parent Page has information about important dates, and links to programs, counselling services, peer support and resources in residences and across campus, including information about move-in day and how to prepare for the transition to university life.

Come SOAR on campus with us!

The Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR) program aims to help ease the transition of incoming first-year students and their families. Participants come to campus for the day and have an opportunity to learn about academic expectations, learning strategies, accessibility services, dining options and common student transition issues. Meet upper-year students, tour a residence room, and have your questions and concerns addressed in person.

Room Assignments

We use a computerized lottery process to assign students to residence rooms, with each student randomly assigned a lottery number. The chances of getting the first preferences listed on your student’s residence application depends on a number of variables, including their lottery number, the number of students with similar preferences, and the availability of particular preferences in any given year. Your student may be assigned to a single, double, triple or quad room.

We typically release room assignments approximately one week before move-in day. Your student will receive an e-mail (in their Queen’s e-mail account) with instructions on how to find their room assignment and move-in time. Our residences are full with a waiting list, so room changes are not possible. We do not accept any requests for room changes prior to September 11th.

Please DON’T bring:

- Glass beer bottles and/or large volume containers (e.g. koozies)
- Hotplates and small cooking appliances (kettle, coffee makers, toaster, toaster oven, deep fryer, rice cooker, microwave, etc.)
- Candles, fireworkars or firecrackers
- Halogen lamps or sunlamps
- Large steroes or sub-woofers
- Expensive bicycles
- Furniture – rooms come furnished, and you are not permitted to remove any furniture from your room
- Illegal drugs and/or controlled substances
- Weapons of any type or size (martial arts weapons must be stored outside of residence)
- Pets (even little ones) * with the exception of service animals

We provide:

- A bed (some buildings have singles, others have doubles)
- Dresser
- Desk
- Bookshelf
- Chair
- Mirror
- One data connection for each student (requires ethernet cable)
- Laundry facilities and a laundry card

Residence floors have a common room with a fridge, microwave, kettle and toaster. All floors also have an iron, ironing board and a vacuum. Please see individual building descriptions for details of other features in each residence building.

Questions?

Residence Life Office 613-533-6790
mlolff@queensu.ca
Residence Admissions 613-533-2550
reshouse@queensu.ca
Hospitality Services (meal plans) 613-533-2953
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Not sure who to ask?
Contact Campus Connection

What to Bring

You might want to bring some things that make you feel at home!

Don’t forget:

- A bed and a favourite pillow*
- Winter clothing
- Favourite books and pictures
- Blankets
- Alarm clock
- Desk lamp
- Ethernet cable and wireless router*
- Decorations – posters, plants, photos, etc.
- Storage boxes for your room
- A small first aid kit, thermometer, hand sanitizer, flashlight and batteries
- Dishware and eating utensils
- Yoga mat and towel
- Bathroom and container for soap, shampoo, etc.

You might also want to bring…

- A small fridge*
- Sticky-tack adhesive for decorations
- Semi-formal wear
- Ice skates
- Ear plugs
- Memory foam for your bed
- Shower flip flops

WAIT! Don’t buy the following items until you receive your room assignment:

- Bed sheets, wireless router, fridge

Register for these and other webinars today!