

Campus Connection

June 2018 Edition



Welcome

Welcome to Campus Connection - our monthly newsletter for families of students in residence at Queen's! Each month, we'll tell you about important deadlines and events, and offer tips to help you help your student transition to life in residence and at university.

Room Assignments

Wondering about your student's room assignment? Here's what you need to know:

Queen's has residences located across campus, with a wide range of building sizes and styles. Some residences have fewer than 70 beds, while others house up to 800 students. Over 95% of first-year Queen's students choose to live in Residence, and they are guaranteed a spot, but only if we receive their application and deposit by 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2018.

We use a computerized lottery process to assign students to rooms. Each student is randomly assigned a lottery number, and may be assigned to a single, double, triple or quad room, depending on their lottery number and the availability of their preferred room type.

The room assignment process takes some time as we work through over 4,500 applications, separate lotteries to manage assignments for special accommodations requests, roommate requests, living/learning communities, award winners and cancellations. 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 typically full with a waiting list, so room changes before move-in are not an option. We do not accept any requests for room changes prior to September 6th. Visit our [Buildings pages](#) on our website for more information about our residences. You can watch videos and take a virtual tour through our rooms!



Come SOAR with us!

[The Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources \(SOAR\)](#) one-day program gives students and families the opportunity to learn about academic expectations, resources, learning strategies, and common student transition challenges. You'll also have the opportunity to meet with upper year students and staff, tour a residence room, and check out our dining halls. SOAR runs in July and has specific days for each Faculty – space is limited, so [register today!](#)

Webinar Series

Can't make it to campus? The [Summer Webinar Series](#) is a great way to get information about residences, finances, campus resources and more.

Queen's on Tour

We are visiting Calgary on August 15 and Vancouver on August 16 for pre-arrival "Get Ready for Queen's" events for students and relatives. Details and registration information will be posted to the [Resources for Parents and Guardians of Students](#) webpage soon!



Meal Plans

[Meal plans](#) are included as part of residence fees and include 19 meals per week. Students can use TAMs (Trade A Meal) to trade in a dining hall meal for options in our retail outlets. The meal plan also includes "flex dollars" for snacks. Check out our three [dining halls](#) and our 22 [retail locations](#).

Food Allergies? Talk to us!

We know it can be challenging for students to make food choices when they have a food allergy. It's important that they let us know about their allergy, and contact our team to learn more about dining options on campus and how to make safe food choices. Parents are also welcome to contact our Hospitality Services team (dining@queensu.ca, 613-533-2953) to learn about our services for students with allergies.

Move-in Details:

Move-in Day and Orientation schedules have been shifted this year to accommodate a new Fall Break (October 25 – 28). Move-in Day will be on Saturday, September 1st (not on Sunday as in previous years). Students will be receiving specific move-in instructions with their room assignment. Maps with directions to each buildings and notes about re-routed streets will also be available.

We'll be updating our move-in webpage regularly over the summer as details are confirmed, and we'll also be holding [webinars in July and August](#) to provide information about moving in and to answer questions. Please check back often and contact res.news@queensu.ca with any questions. We're here to help!

Looking for parent resources?

The [Queen's Parents Page](#) has information about important dates, deadlines and links to campus and Kingston resources. Our [Next Steps website](#) is also a great resource.



Important Dates:

June 8: deadline for Residence application and deposit (4:00pm)

June 13: [Financing your education: OSAP webinar](#)

June 20: [Athletics & Recreation webinar](#)

June 27: [Get to know Queen's International Centre \(QUIC\) webinar](#)

For details on other events this month visit:

[Queen's Event Calendar](#)

Questions?

Residence Life Office 613-533-6790, reslife@queensu.ca

Residence Admissions 613-533-2550, reshouse@queensu.ca

Student Affairs 613-533-6944 parents@queensu.ca

Hospitality Services (meal plans) 613-533-2953, dining@queensu.ca

Not sure who to ask? [Contact Campus Connection](#)
