HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS AND VISITING FELLOWS:

Harvard GSAS Residence Hall housing for non-degree seeking students is extremely limited. As a result, most Special Students and Visiting Fellows seek off-campus housing. When considering off-campus housing, it’s important to consider that the area around Harvard (the city of Cambridge) is highly residential and is accessible by foot from the campus. Much of the city of Boston is accessible by public transportation from Cambridge as are the surrounding towns of Arlington, Brookline, Allston, Somerville, Belmont and Watertown. Boston contains a large student population. As a result, private landlords commonly accept graduate students; however, the market is competitive.

Harvard Graduate Residence Halls
Single-room housing in the GSAS Residence Halls is available to Special Students and Visiting Fellows on a space available basis (first priority for rooms is given to degree-seeking students). Only Special Students and Visiting Fellows registered full-time are eligible. Spouses and/or children cannot be accommodated. Housing applications should be submitted as soon as possible after receiving your Harvard ID number and setting up your PIN. Each GSAS Housing resident is required to purchase a meal plan. Additional information is available through the GSAS Housing Office (tel: +1 617 495 5060) on the basement level of Dudley House or on the GSAS Housing web site: www.gsas.harvard.edu/prospective_students/gsas_housing_services.php

Off-Campus Housing
Harvard Real Estate Services (7 Holyoke Street; tel: +1 617 495 3377) here on campus is a good resource for near-campus living units, as well as information concerning many housing topics, including temporary accommodations, street maps, housing hints, real estate agents list, and tenants’ rights information. You can learn more on their website: www.huhousing.harvard.edu

If you are interested in finding accommodations with a roommate, visit: http://huhousing.offcampuslisting.com/roommate/

Other Sources of Housing Information
Real estate professionals (real estate agents, realtors and brokers) in the Cambridge/ Boston area frequently charge a fee for their services. Private landlords do not frequently charge such a fee. The resources below include apartments and rooms listed by real estate agents, realtors, brokers and private landlords. To find an apartment broker in the area enter “Cambridge, MA apartment broker” into an internet search engine. Harvard University does not offer apartment brokerage services.

Accommodation Listings Online
Apartments.com (www.apartments.com)
Boston Apartments (www.bostonapartments.com)
Boston Homes (www.bostonhomes.com)
The Boston Globe (www.boston.com/realestate)
Craigslist (boston.craigslist.org/cgi-bin/apartments.cgi)
Move (www.move.com)
Realtor.com (www.realtor.com)
Sabbatical Homes (www.sabbaticalhomes.com/)
Yahoo! Classifieds (realestate.yahoo.com)

Temporary Accommodations
For temporary housing such as hotels, inns, and bed-and-breakfasts, the Cambridge Office of Tourism (http://www.cambridge-usa.org/visitors/sleep) at 18 Brattle Street (tel: +1 800 862 5678) has many resources. Other options for finding short-term places to stay while searching for housing include:

www.bedandbreakfast.com
www.hotels.com
www.expedia.com
www.travelocity.com

For current information regarding off-campus housing and to learn more about your housing rights in Massachusetts and the United States please visit the following:
http://www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/living_off-campus.php