Harvard University Housing
617-495-3377, huhousing@harvard.edu

Harvard University Housing has begun to accept applications for the 2014-2015 academic year and you can view properties and learn how the application process works by visiting the Harvard University Housing web site at www.huhousing.harvard.edu. Some apartment leases begin as early as June.

Some reasons to consider Harvard Housing:
- They offer a wide variety of properties located near the graduate schools.
- Heat, hot water, electricity, and gas are included in the rent. At some locations, air conditioning and/or Harvard RESnet Internet service are also included.
- No security deposit, application fee, or finder’s fee required.
- Rents are conveniently paid via student termbill.
- As of July 1st, all Harvard Housing properties are non-smoking.
- Several properties offer pet-friendly and furnished apartments.
- The Graduate Commons program, available in most Harvard Housing properties, provides a vibrant social and learning community. Visit graduatecommons.huhousing.harvard.edu for more information.
- You can share your Harvard University Housing apartment with another Harvard affiliate to reduce housing costs. Visit http://huhousing.offcampuslisting.com/roommate/ to view and post free listings.

Applications are due by May 1st for the best selection of apartments.

Graduate Commons Program
617-496-5993, graduatecommons@harvard.edu

The Graduate Commons Program offers a unique experience to students. The program blends living in an apartment, with the social and communal experiences offered by living in the residence halls. The Graduate Commons Program is committed to making your Harvard experience a truly remarkable one, both in and outside the classroom by hosting events that spark your intellectual curiosity, challenge your physical being, and make a difference to your community. Programming includes wine and coffee nights, meet the scholar events, yoga classes, game nights, networking happy hours, Boston traditions like the Boston Pops! Holiday concert and more!

For more information, check out the website, or contact them (information above)!

Cronkhite Graduate Center
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Managed through Harvard University Housing, Cronkhite Graduate Center, a residence hall, is one of the University’s most cost-effective living options. Housing contracts run for only the academic year. Units share common baths and common kitchens. A meal plan is required for all Cronkhite residents. During the View and Select Window period, Cronkhite is open to full-time Harvard GSAS, GSD, GSE, HDS, and HKS graduate degree candidates; after the View and Select Window period, it is open to full-time degree candidates at all Harvard graduate schools (except Harvard Extension School). Apply through Harvard University Housing to live at the Cronkhite Center.
Newspapers and Internet Resources
Local newspapers such as the Boston Sunday Globe, The Boston Globe (daily), and Cambridge Chronicle are good sources of information for apartments that are available in the Cambridge, Boston, Somerville, and Watertown areas. The newspapers are available at various locations throughout the greater Boston metro area.

Also, there are a number of online resources that are helpful in finding an apartment. The GSAS Housing Services website has a very through list of online search tools for apartment listings (www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/living_off-campus.php). Here are few websites for your convenience*:
Craig’s List: http://boston.craigslist.org/
Boston Apartments: http://www.bostonapartments.com/
PadMapper: https://www.padmapper.com/
MyApartmentMap: http://www.myapartmentmap.com/

Real Estate Agents
Local real estate agents can be very useful in a housing search. However, there is typically a cost for using them. Fees range from the equivalent of one-half month’s to a whole month’s rent. Try to negotiate the fee.

You can find a number of brokerage houses online. Here are a few examples of brokers and real estate companies in the Cambridge and Boston areas*:
Apartment Rental Experts: http://www.apartmenttx.com/
Beacon Realty Properties: http://www.BeaconRealtyPropertiesLLC.com
Century 21 Avon: http://www.century21avon.com
Coldwell Banker: http://www.newenglandmoves.com/
Oxford Street Realty: http://www.oxfordstreetrealty.com/
Skyline Reality: http://www.skylinerealty.com/

Word of Mouth
According to surveys conducted by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, most students find their housing arrangements by word of mouth; therefore, you should always let people know that you are looking for housing.

Parking
Students are encouraged not to bring automobiles to campus. On-street parking is reserved for city residents with Cambridge vehicle registrations. Private rental parking is limited and expensive. Harvard University Parking Services conducts a lottery in the fall for campus parking spaces. For more information, contact Parking Services at 617-495-4785 or visit their website at http://www.uos.harvard.edu/transportation

Questions?
GSAS Housing Services would be happy to talk to you more about different off-campus options. To make an appointment, please contact us at gsashous@harvard.edu or (617) 495-5060.

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