About the GSAS Residence Halls

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) residence halls! Our residence halls offer exciting opportunity to live and interact with other graduate students from across several disciplines, backgrounds and cultures in a comfortable, homey setting. Our four residence halls offer over 400 rooms, and are also the area’s most convenient and affordable housing option for Harvard graduate students.

Perkins and Conant Halls, built in the late 1890s, are traditional Harvard-style buildings, while Richards and Child Halls, designed by the well-known architect Walter Gropius, were built in the 1950s. The residence halls are located on Oxford and Everett Streets, just north of the Science Center and a brief walk to Harvard’s laboratories, libraries and museums on the Cambridge campus, and to Harvard Square. Free shuttle service is available to Harvard’s Medical School campus in the Longwood area.

Our application will be available starting March 2, 2015. Incoming GSAS students who submit the online application and return all supporting materials to GSAS Residential Life by Wednesday, April 22, 2015 are guaranteed a room in one of our residence halls. This brochure provides additional information regarding our halls, including accommodations, pricing, important policies and application process. If you have any questions, feel free to be in touch directly with our office. We look forward to receiving your application!

Residential Life

RESIDENT ADVISORS
Graduate students who serve as Resident Advisors live and work in the halls to help improve residential life and to act as resources for residents. Resident Advisors help students adjust to residence hall living, aid in emergency situations, and serve as liaisons with the GSAS administration.

GRADUATE DORMITORY COUNCIL
The primary goal of the Graduate Dormitory Council (GDC)—an organization of hall residents—is to improve the quality of life in the halls by funding and organizing social events, overseeing recreational equipment, and maintaining a DVD and game library.

DUDLEY HOUSE—THE GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER
Dudley House is where the GSAS community comes together for social events, meals, lectures, and other activities. Located in Harvard Yard and about an eight-minute walk from the residence halls, Dudley House serves the extracurricular needs of students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Services and facilities include Café Gato Rojo, Dudley Café, meeting space for student organizations and teaching fellows, computer/printing facilities, a library/reading room, a gameroom, and lockers.

Of special note, GSAS students who serve as Dudley House Fellows plan activities throughout the academic year, including lectures, dinners, dances, social events, movies, films, theatre, and music. For more information, visit the Dudley House website, www.dudley.harvard.edu.
Dudley Café Meal Plan
All residents of the GSAS residence halls are required to enroll in the Dudley Café meal plan. The meal plan provides an excellent opportunity for residents to meet and interact with fellow students in a variety of disciplines and Schools. Lunch is served 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, and dinner 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday, in the main Dudley House dining room. Vegetarian options are available. In addition to the option of eating meals at Dudley Café, accommodations may be made in advance with dining hall staff to take out lunch or dinner.

Services

Furnishings
All residence hall rooms have all essential furnishings: a bed, desk and chair, desk lamp, bookcase, bureau, and closet or wardrobe. Room furniture provided by the University cannot be removed from student rooms. Richards Hall is carpeted, while Conant, Perkins, and Child are all uncarpeted. Pillows, linens, towels, and blankets are not provided.

Computers
The GSAS residence halls are equipped with wireless Internet access; also, all individual rooms are equipped with data jacks through which personal computers can access the campus network, which in turn connects to the Internet. In addition to in-room computer access, residents have access to a computer lab in Child Hall, which has both PC and Macintosh computers.

Kitchens
All floors in the residence halls have at least one kitchen. Perkins Hall has two kitchens per floor. Kitchens are equipped with a microwave, stove, oven, tea kettle and refrigerator for use by all members of the floor.

Telephone Service
There is a telephone outlet in each room. However, if residents want to use a telephone in their room, they must supply their own phone and work with the University to set up phone service. Phone service is an additional monthly fee. GSAS does not provide phone service to residents.

Television and Cable
Individual rooms in the residence halls are not equipped for cable TV; however, at least one lounge in each hall has cable television. There are also several DVD players in lounges throughout the halls.

Laundry Facilities
Washers and dryers, operated both by coins and Crimson Cash cards (a declining balance debit account accessed through a Harvard ID card), are located in the basements of each of the four GSAS residence halls. Each machine charges $1.25 per load.

Insurance
Student property insurance is available through many private insurance companies. More information is available from GSAS Residential Life.

Parking
The University suffers from a general lack of parking facilities in Cambridge and encourages all students to use public transportation and not bring automobiles to campus. For more information about campus parking, contact the Campus Service Center at 617-496-7827, or visit www.transportation.harvard.edu/parking.

Facilities

Occupancy Information
With the exception of the two-room suites in Child Hall, all rooms in the GSAS residence halls are single occupancy only. Families with children are not eligible to reside in the halls. Couples may apply for housing in a two-room suite only if both individuals are full-time registered Harvard graduate students. In addition, we have a guest policy that allows for occasional, brief visits. Long term guests are not permitted, including partners, spouses, and family members.

Single-Sex Floors
All floors in the residence halls are coed except for the basement of Child Hall, which houses only men, and the third floor of Richards Hall, which houses only women.

Bathroom Designations
Perkins and Richards Halls have two bathrooms per floor, while Conant and Child Halls have one bathroom per floor. All bathrooms are designated for single-sex use. For one term during the academic year, students in Conant and Child Halls may need to use the bathroom on the floor above or below the floor on which they reside. Bathroom designations in Conant and Child Halls will be reversed at the beginning of the spring term.

Two-Room Accommodations
The two-room suites in Child Hall consist of two small connecting rooms. Students may live in these rooms alone or with a roommate. Both students must be full-time registered Harvard graduate students. The price indicated under “Room Fees” is for single occupancy. If two students choose to share a two-room suite, the room fee will be split between them equally.
Eligibility

Full-time registered Harvard graduate students are eligible to apply for a room in the GSAS residence halls. Most of our rooms are assigned to first-year degree candidates in GSAS who are guaranteed an offer of housing in a GSAS residence hall if their application is submitted on time. Students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Harvard Kennedy School, the Graduate School of Design, and the Graduate School of Education are given higher priority than students in other professional and graduate schools at Harvard University.

INCOMING GSAS STUDENTS

Incoming GSAS students who submit their online application and return all supporting materials to GSAS Residential Life by Wednesday, April 22, 2015 are guaranteed a room.

CONTINUING GSAS STUDENTS

All continuing, full-time registered GSAS students are eligible and encouraged to apply to live in the GSAS residence halls.

STUDENTS IN THE HKS, GSE, AND GSD

A limited number of rooms in the GSAS residence halls are available for students in the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), Graduate School of Education (GSE), and the Graduate School of Design (GSD). Each School determines which applicants from that School will be housed, not GSAS Residential Life. Unfortunately, there are not enough rooms available to accommodate all who apply. Students should speak with the housing contact in their School to discuss eligibility.

HKS Student Services, Harvard Kennedy School, 79 JFK Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-1153

GSE Office of Student Affairs, Gutman Library 119, 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-8035

GSD Office of Student Services, 422 Gund Hall, 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; 617-495-5454

GSAS SPECIAL STUDENTS/VISITING FELLOWS

A limited number of rooms are set aside for incoming special students and visiting fellows. Although special students and visiting fellows should apply directly to GSAS Residential Life, the GSAS Special Students and Visiting Fellows Office conducts the lottery for these individuals. All inquiries regarding the lottery or eligibility should be directed to the Special Students and Visiting Fellows Office (617-495-5392, special@fas.harvard.edu).

Any student who was a GSAS special student or visiting fellow during the 2014–2015 academic year, and who has been admitted to a degree program for the 2015–2016 academic year, is included in the lottery for continuing GSAS students. Students continuing to enroll as GSAS special students or visiting fellows are included in the lottery for special students and visiting fellows.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Special preference for a room may be given because of a medical problem or physical disability. GSAS students should submit a letter describing his or her condition, as well as a letter from their physician, to the FAS Accessible Education Office. Information regarding the documentation process can be found at www.aeo.fas.harvard.edu/gsas.html Students from other Schools should submit documentation to the Disability Coordinator at their school. All documentation is due by April 22, 2015.

LATE ADMISSIONS

Students who are admitted to a degree program after the April 22 deadline for housing applications are still encouraged to apply for housing in the GSAS residence halls. In past years, a number of incoming degree candidates who have been admitted late have been assigned a room; however, there is no guarantee that late applicants will be assigned a room, including to those with special needs.

DEFERRED ADMISSIONS

Students who are deferring admission until spring 2016 should submit an application for housing, along with a written e-mail to gsashouse@fas.harvard.edu explaining the situation. Students who are deferring admission until fall 2016 should visit the GSAS Residential Life website in spring 2016 and complete a new housing application for the 2016–2017 academic year.

Application Process

COMPLETING THE GSAS RESIDENCE HALL APPLICATION ONLINE

All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for GSAS housing online at: www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/housing_application.php. There is a non-refundable application fee of $75. We only accept applications online; we do not accept paper copies of the application. Please complete all sections of the online application. Applications will not be considered complete until all required sections are filled out. To be considered in the first round of housing assignments, the online application must be submitted by April 22, 2015.

Any applications that are INCOMPLETE or LATE will not be included in the lottery and applicants will be placed on the waiting list.

Please note: Any student who knowingly falsifies an application will automatically lose the room that he or she may have already been assigned and may not be considered for a future assignment.

Richards Hall

Conant Hall
Assignment/Lottery Process

GSAS STUDENTS
The first round of housing assignments for incoming and continuing GSAS students will be e-mailed to students between late May and early June 2015.

Assignments are based on lottery number, room availability, and preferences indicated on the application form. GSAS Residential Life makes every effort to accommodate the desires of students but cannot guarantee that a student will receive his or her top choice in the assignment process.

HKS, GSE, AND GSD STUDENTS
GSAS Residential Life provides the list of applicants from the HKS, GSD, and GSE to the housing contact for each of those Schools. These Schools determine which students will be housed and what the waitlist rank-order for their School will be. Typically, priority is given to students whose current address is farthest from campus (e.g., international students and domestic students residing on the West Coast). Assignment/waiting list results are forwarded to GSAS Residential Life by the housing contact at each School and are used in the assignment of rooms. All inquiries regarding the application process, the lottery, or your eligibility should be directed to the housing contact at each School, indicated on page 6 of this brochure.

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Waiting List

Applicants who do not receive an assignment in the first round of housing assignments, or applicants whose applications were late, will be placed on a waiting list. Applicants will be notified of their waitlist number after the first round of housing assignments and will be updated on their waitlist status periodically throughout the summer. As rooms become available, they will be offered to applicants on the waiting list.

Terms and Conditions

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CORRESPONDENCE
GSAS Residential Life will use e-mail as the primary form of correspondence with applicants. When necessary, written correspondence will be sent to the permanent address on file with the registrar’s office. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that he or she receives and follows up on information provided by GSAS Residential Life. GSAS Residential Life cannot be responsible for missed deadlines or canceled rooms caused by the applicant’s not receiving mail or e-mail. Please notify GSAS Residential Life of any changes in your mailing and/or e-mail addresses.

DURATION OF CONTRACT
The room contract for the residence halls extends from Friday, August 21, 2015, to Thursday, May 19, 2016. The GSAS residence halls remain open during the recess periods. Occupants who will be receiving a degree on Thursday, May 26, 2016, may remain in occupancy until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day after Commencement, Friday, May 27, 2016.

DUDLEY CAFÉ MEAL PLAN
All residents are required to enroll in the Dudley Café meal plan. Dudley Café is conveniently located on the first floor of Dudley House. The meal plan will automatically be canceled if you are not assigned a room or in the event that you cancel your room contract.

CANCELLATION OF ROOM ASSIGNMENT
Room offer letters will be e-mailed to students beginning in late May to early June. Please make sure to read your letter carefully. Students are given a brief period of time to either accept or decline their room assignment without financial penalty by responding to the e-mail. If a student accepts the room offer and then cancels it after the response deadline, he/she will be charged a $150 cancellation fee and will be held financially responsible for the room and board fees until GSAS Residential Life can fill the room.

MID-YEAR ROOM VACATE
If a resident chooses to vacate his or her room mid-year, he or she will be charged a room cancellation fee and will be held financially responsible for his or her room and meal plan fees until the room is reassigned by GSAS Residential Life.
Policies

We recommend that applicants review the GSAS Residence Hall Handbook before applying for housing to ensure that they understand and are amenable to all policies in effect in the GSAS residence halls. The Handbook is available online at: www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/residence_hall_handbook.php.

Important Dates

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<td>February to March 2015</td>
<td>Application information sent to incoming students with admission packets. Admitted students are encouraged to apply online at <a href="http://www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/housing_application.php">www.gsas.harvard.edu/current_students/housing_application.php</a>.</td>
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<td>April 22, 2015</td>
<td>Deadline for housing applications to be included in the initial lottery for the 2015-2016 academic year. All application materials must be received by GSAS Residential Life by this date in order to be included in the lottery.</td>
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<td>Late May to early June 2015</td>
<td>Housing assignment offers for the 2015-2016 academic year e-mailed to students assigned rooms in the first round of the housing lottery.</td>
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<td>Early to mid June 2015</td>
<td>Waiting list notification e-mailed to applicants who did not receive housing in the first round of assignments.</td>
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<td>Rooms assigned on a rolling basis as cancellations are received. Waiting list updates e-mailed at least once each month.</td>
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<td>August 21, 2015</td>
<td>Residence halls open for 2015-2016 occupancy.</td>
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Application Fee

The non-refundable application fee of $75 may be paid by Visa/MasterCard, check, or money order in US dollars. Checks and money orders should be made payable to “Harvard University.” Only continuing students may choose the term bill option for payment of the application fee.

Meal Plan Fee (Mandatory)

The cost of the meal plan for the 2015-2016 academic year is $2,232. All residents are required to enroll in the meal plan. Additional information about the meal plan can be found at: www.dining.harvard.edu/retail_dining/restaurants_dudley.html.

Room Fee

Room fees are listed on the following page and are for the 2015-2016 academic year (does not include summer). Rates quoted do not include the mandatory meal plan fee of $2,232.

Room Information Chart

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Floor Plans

* Room sizes are approximate and may vary.