

Graduate Guaranteed Housing Letter from Housing

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Dear Newly Admitted UCI Graduate Student:

On behalf of Student Housing, congratulations on your admission to graduate study at the University of California, Irvine. If you have been admitted to a J.D., Ph.D. or MFA program, your admissions offer includes a guaranteed* on-campus housing offer for Fall 2021 in one of six on-campus apartment communities. Eligible students must be admitted early enough to complete all steps outlined below, and Fall offers cannot be deferred to a later time. The Housing Website, www.housing.uci.edu, provides specifics on the housing guarantee, housing options, and how to complete the application process. Basic instructions are also provided below.

The University of California recently announced that it is planning for a return to primarily in-person instruction systemwide starting fall 2021. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

Guaranteed Housing Application Window: March 1 - May 1, 2021 (closes at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time):

To receive a guaranteed housing offer, **complete the following steps by the dates indicated:**

1. **Visit the Student Housing website** to learn about housing options, current rental rates, and the leasing process. <http://www.housing.uci.edu/grad/index.html>
2. **Submit your SIR and Activate your UCINetID.**
You will not be able to access the housing application until you submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and activate your UCINetID, and there will be a 24-48 hour interval between the time you submit your SIR and you are able to access the housing application.
3. **Apply for Housing by 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) on May 1, 2021.**
 - a. Login to the housing application at: <https://my.housing.uci.edu/gateway/>.
 - b. Rank communities and apartment types listed on the application in order of preference. Placement in a specific community or apartment type is not guaranteed.
 - c. Indicate your desired move-in month. Be sure to check with your academic advisor for program start dates before selecting your desired move-in month.
 - d. To complete your application, pay the \$20 (U.S. Funds) non-refundable processing fee (by credit card, check, or money order) by **May 1, 2021 (4:00 p.m., Pacific Time)**.
4. **Housing Offer:** Housing preferences recorded in your application will be used to make a "best fit" offer from the available spaces across the six participating communities. Offers will be sent via email by July 31, 2021. Follow all instructions contained in your offer email and respond by the deadline indicated.

IMPORTANT -- Please Note the Following:

- The May 1st application deadline is strictly enforced. Housing offers are not guaranteed for applications received after the deadline.

- The majority of housing spaces are already occupied by continuing students who live in our communities. Housing offers to new students are based on the spaces that will be available for the 2020-21 academic year. Please select a variety of floor plan options, and keep in mind that there are a limited number of available spaces in high demand units (e.g., studios, 1-Bedroom units, lower cost units).
- Research your housing options and costs before you complete your application. Rental rates vary by floorplan and community, and we recommend that you budget for the highest rates listed.
- Verano Place, Palo Verde and Campus Village offer unfurnished apartments only. All apartments in Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte, and Puerta del Sol are furnished.
- Leases will begin on the date the space is available for occupancy. **Housing cannot guarantee the availability of specific spaces to match specific arrival dates.** In some instances, students may need to begin their lease before their arrival.
- Once you accept your housing offer, you must remain in that space for one year before becoming eligible to request a transfer to a different community or space.
- Students who decline their guaranteed housing offer may elect to be placed on the wait-list for a specific community or apartment type. This is a very risky option, however, as the demand for certain housing communities and apartment types is very high. If Housing is unable to make you an offer (that you accept) from the waitlist before the first day of classes, you will lose your eligibility for the housing guarantee. Students who are offered housing from the wait-list after the first day of classes are only offered housing for the current academic year, and their lease agreement may or may not be renewable, based on space availability.

If you have questions about this process, please email: gradguarantee@housing.hsg.uci.edu.

Sincerely,



Tim Trevan
Executive Director, Student Housing

***UCI Graduate Housing Guarantee**

The University of California, Irvine guarantees an offer of on-campus housing to every newly-admitted, full-time Ph.D., M.F.A., J.D., and Prime-LC and LEAD ABC M.D. student. Guaranteed housing offers will be made for enrollment in Fall only and cannot be deferred. Ph.D. and Prime-LC and LEAD ABC M.D. students who accept this housing offer will be guaranteed placement in on-campus housing for one year less than normal time to degree (NTTD-1) for their academic program, and M.F.A. and J.D. students will be provided with housing for the normal time to degree (NTTD) for their academic programs, up to three years. Students must maintain good academic standing to retain eligibility for the guarantee.