

Off Campus Student Life

Dear Graduate Program Coordinators and Support Staff:

We are sending you this information for you to use in your processes to assist graduate students with acquiring housing. These services can help students find a place and avoid potential scams.

Off Campus Student Life and Community Engagement has many resources available for graduate students, both online and in person.

Online students have access with their NetID to www.offcampushousing.umass.edu. This website has many tools for students to use. The main two highlights are the “Resources” and “Housing” tabs.

The “Resources” tab provides many resources for off campus graduate students. Some key examples are

- [Housing Guide for Graduate Students](#)
- [Complex Rent Rates as of Feb 2019](#)
- [Housemate Agreement](#)

The “Housing” tab is the main tool to help students find housing. It is an interactive search engine, helpful for everything from finding small owner-occupied properties to large apartment complexes.

Students different search tools and filters to find a place. Listings are less than 30 days old, so students will not follow dead-end leads. A student can use the email and phone number options on the right side of the page, to make contact, and begin the process of touring and leasing the property.

If students are not having success with the website, or need help, they can visit the Off Campus Student Center, located in Bartlett Hall Room 103. There, students can: ask questions relating to housing, get a lease reviewed before they sign it, and learn about the resources and amenities at the center.

Lastly, encourage current students to attend our **Off Campus Housing Fair on November 20th at the Campus Center Concourse** where you can meet many apartment complexes and get deals on off campus places <https://www.umass.edu/events/campus-housing-fair-4>; there will also be another fair on March 25th.

The Off Campus Student Center is open
Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm *(during the academic term)*
Contact the Center at (413) 577-1005 or by email
at ocsc@sacl.umass.edu for more information