

Residential Life and Housing 2017-2018 Open Housing

Virginia Commonwealth University Residential Life & Housing acknowledges and respects the diversity of our student population. In doing so, we offer living options to encompass all individuals. Open Housing is an inclusive living option within various VCU residential communities which allows students to live together without regard to gender. Open Housing is a voluntary choice; no student will be assigned to an OH unit unless they have opted to be apart of an OH living space.

Eligibility

To reside within Open Housing units residents must be:

- 18 years of age at the time of the request
- Of upper-class or graduate student status
- Eligible for University housing

Participants will need to have completed the current Housing application as well as the Open Housing Supplement.

OH Roommate Groups

Applicants must fill the apartment being requested to full capacity; therefore, assignments will be made from groups of 2, 3, or 4 students. These groups should consist of members who mutually agree to live together. All group members must submit the form in order to be approved for Open Housing.

OH Assignment

There are two ways for residents to choose an apartment in Open Housing:

Any resident(s) seeking to re-sign their current space (where possible) and convert it to Open Housing must have all members seeking to re-sign fill out the Open Housing Contract Supplement and a 2017-18 on-campus housing application. In order to convert your current space, you must fill the unit with students who have all applied for Open Housing.

Any residents seeking Open Housing that are participating in room lottery must have all members of their group complete the Open Housing Contract Supplement and a 2017-18 on-campus housing application and have enough members of the group to fill the apartment. They will then be able to choose from the pre-designated Open Housing apartments during room lottery.

OH Vacancies

If a vacancy exists in an Open Housing apartment, the following will occur to fill the empty bed: Residential Life and Housing will allow the remaining residents to identify a new roommate to fill the vacancy. The incoming student must be eligible for on-campus housing and must have completed the appropriate applications. RLH will define the time allocated to find a new roommate. This window of time will vary depending on the time of year and status of the housing waitlist. Typically, a resident will be allowed a minimum of 24 hours, but no more than one week to identify another roommate.

If the remaining residents do not find a new roommate, RLH reserves the right to place another student who has agreed to live in Open Housing.

RLH reserves the right to require the remaining residents to relocate to another room if a space in the existing unit cannot be filled; the current room type is not guaranteed.

Residents are encouraged to communicate to their roommate(s) any plans to change rooms or cancel their housing agreement as soon as possible. The roommate leaving the apartment should help find someone to take their bed space that has completed an Open Housing Contract Supplement and a 2017-18 on-campus housing application.

Important Deadlines

2017-18 Housing Application is due February 10, 2017
The Open Housing Contract Supplement is due February 6, 2017

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