

# 2014-15 Early Housing Sign Up

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who is eligible to apply early?**

Early housing sign-up is open to all rising juniors and seniors (who have fulfilled their four semester residency requirement). Campus Living will also accept housing applications from graduate and law students and will reserve and hold one “pod” of nine single rooms in Holmes Hall until May 1 for that purpose. After May 1, if the rooms are unassigned, they will be released to a waiting list of continuing students.

### **Why should I apply early?**

Early sign-up gives you a **priority lottery number** in the housing assignment process. In addition, you will receive a **3% rent rebate** on the 2014-15 room rates! Other benefits not tied to early sign up include access to Block meal plans, free laundry and of course, the **CONVENIENCE** and **COMMUNITY** that are always present for those who live on campus.

### **What does “priority” mean?**

Students who apply early will be assigned priority lottery numbers, meaning that your number will be better than students in the same cohort who did not apply early. Lottery numbers are based on cohort group (not class standing) and the number of semesters on campus, so a rising senior will have a better lottery number than a rising junior, when both apply early. Keep in mind that housing assignments will be made for early sign-up applicants based on the **average** of all roommates’ lottery numbers.

### **How many apartments are available for early sign up?**

There are **21** 4-bedroom apartments and **36** 2-bedroom units. One 4-bedroom unit in each building is reserved for the RCA and their apartment-mates. If you hope to be in a 4-bedroom unit, you must be part of a four-person group (or more if you have a split year position to fill) that will occupy the unit for the entire academic year. It is not possible to apply for a single unit type (4-bedroom or 2-bedroom) and get your deposit refunded if that unit type is not available to you based on your group lottery number.

### **What’s the deadline for early sign up?**

We will accept applications for Fall 2014 beginning December 6 **ONLY** from students who will be away from campus during the Spring semester 2014 participating in an overseas program or on a Leave of Absence. A complete application includes a signed Residence Hall Contract or Lease Agreement, Apartment Application with the names of co-applicants, and a Roommate Preference Sheet. You will also need proof of your \$200 deposit. Students who are attending classes during the Spring semester on campus must wait until Wednesday, January 29 through Tuesday, February 4 to submit the required housing materials.

### **When do I get my priority lottery number?**

Your priority lottery number is based on your cohort group; you will pick it from a box when you turn in your housing materials at the Campus Living Office. Lottery numbers will be averaged among your applicant group and unit selection will be based on the group’s lottery average.

### **What should I do to “better” my odds for an assignment to the campus apartments?**

Start your planning now! For the best odds of getting into the apartments, identify other upper division roommates who intend to fulfill a full 9-month lease and are also submitting their housing request by the February 4<sup>th</sup> deadline. Remember that seniors (students who entered L&C with the Fall 2011 cohort) will have the best lottery numbers from which to choose. So, four seniors are most likely to get a 4-bedroom unit provided the applicants will live on campus for the entire 2014-15 academic year. You should plan to have all of your intended roommates apply early for optimal results.

**My intended roommate is abroad or on Leave of Absence. Can I sign up without them?**

Yes. You should submit your housing application or lease and make note of your roommate's name on your application. If your roommate is abroad in Spring 2014, he/she may have completed a housing application prior to departure. But if not, students can also mail, email, or fax applications from abroad, though lottery numbers will not be priority numbers unless the application is received on the February 4<sup>th</sup> deadline. This could negatively affect your group lottery number and placement.

**What happens if I sign-up with my friend and they cancel their contract/lease?**

If you think there is a chance your friend may cancel, you should consider a back-up plan; someone else with whom you could live. If a cancellation creates an empty spot on an application for a 4-bdr unit, the unit assignment will be at risk unless a replacement is named within three days of the cancellation. Campus Living will not assign a 4-bdr unit to less than four students. The remaining three students would likely be moved into two 2-bdr units (assuming they wish to remain in the apartments). Deposits are non-refundable regardless of roommate/apartment-mate cancellations.

**Do I have to have a roommate to sign up early?**

No, you can apply early and alone for a room in a 2-bedroom apartment or for a single in a residence hall. However, you must also submit a Roommate Preference Sheet and be matched with an apartment-mate later.

**What if I sign up for early housing but don't get into the hall/apartment I want?**

Campus Living will work to try to find a housing assignment that is suitable. However, since housing options are finite, we cannot guarantee that early sign up will result in your placement in the exact situation you requested. If you apply for an apartment and are awarded an apartment, regardless of building (West, Roberts or East) or apartment type (2-bdr or 4-bdr), it will be considered a fulfillment of your request. Should you cancel under these conditions, your deposit will be forfeited. If you do not get into the hall or the single room of your choice, but are awarded a single room elsewhere, your early application deposit can still be applied to other on-campus housing. Should you cancel, your deposit is non-refundable.

**What if I decide to cancel my contract/lease?**

The housing contract and lease agreement are legally binding documents. If you chose to apply early, and then cancel, you will forfeit your housing deposit regardless of the cancellation date. After occupancy, cancellation is not possible unless you withdraw from the College.

**What if I am gone during the room selection process?**

If you are participating in an overseas or domestic program during Spring 2014, you will want to give Campus Living your list of room preferences when you submit your housing forms. Or, if you are applying for a 2- or 4-bedroom apartment and your preferred roommate/s are here on campus, they will be able to select for you in your absence. Alternately, you can designate a friend to select for you as long as Campus Living is made aware of that arrangement.

**When will I find out where I get to live?**

Preliminary notification of assignments to the apartments will go out by email at the conclusion of Spring break. Then, for those who have been assigned to the apartments, unit selection will be held during the week immediately following Spring break. If you are applying to live in a residence hall, room selection will occur by lottery number in the week following Spring break as well.