

Off-Campus Housing 2023 Grad Student Resources

Welcome to Queen's University!

Moving to a new city, province, or country is an exciting experience. Before you move to Kingston, it is important to understand the local rental market and secure your housing. This document will support you in processes and best practices for conducting your housing search.



How Can the Off-Campus Living Advisor Help?

- Provide you with resources and guidance for your housing search
- Support you with applications, lease agreements, and understanding Kingston's rental market
- Give you tips for avoiding housing related fraud (fake advertisements, illegal deposits, etc.)





Understanding Kingston's Rental Market

- Kingston has a challenging rental market. You will need to use many resources, websites, and listing services to see all the properties available.
- Rental properties can range in price depending on: location, amenities included, quality, finishes in the property, and type of property.
- Room rentals in Kingston can range from \$650–\$1,100+/month CAD with an average cost of \$850 CAD/month. If you plan to live on your own, one-bedroom apartments range from \$1,100–\$2,400+/month.
- Many landlords operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Being prepared, organized, and efficient is critical for securing accommodations.

Finding Housing Options

- Proximity to downtown Kingston and campus dramatically increases the cost of properties. Look for properties that are outside of Kingston's downtown or outside conventional student areas for accommodations at lower rental rates.
- Kingston public transit is a reliable, sustainable, and affordable means of travel around the city. A bus pass providing unlimited access to the City transit system is included in the student fees for most programs.
- Renting a property by yourself can be expensive. Consider teaming up with another student to keep costs down.
- Queen's Community Housing manages rental properties owned by the university. Properties are available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Availability is limited and varies from year to year, depending on student graduations and move outs.

