

**Honors College Housing for Continuing Students  
2019-2020 Selection Process  
Frequently Asked Questions**

The responses below are meant to answer frequently asked questions regarding the honors housing process specifically. For a comprehensive review of the continuing student housing lottery process, please visit the [Residence Life](#) website. Questions regarding the honors housing lottery process may be directed to [honorshousing@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:honorshousing@echo.rutgers.edu). Questions regarding the general lottery may be directed to [oncampus@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:oncampus@echo.rutgers.edu).

**Do I have to live in honors housing?**

Continuing students do not have to reside in honors housing. This option is made available for students who prefer to stay in an honors community. However, **Presidential Scholars** must remain on campus during their second year.

**What honors housing options are available?**

Honors housing is available on all four campuses. Housing includes room configurations in doubles, suites, and apartments.

- Busch: BEST Hall, Thomas and McCormick Suites
- College Ave: Campbell Hall, Sojourner Truth Apartments
- Cook Douglass: New Gibbons, Newell Apartments
- Livingston: Quad 3

**Who is eligible to apply for honors housing?**

Honors College, School of Environmental and Biological Science (SEBS) Honors Program, and Engineering Honors Academy students who are in good academic and judicial standing are eligible to apply for honors housing.

Although School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program (SASHP) students do not participate in Honors College communities, Honors College and students from the other honors programs can request an SASHP roommate. The Honors Housing and SASHP lotteries are two separate processes and they occur at approximately the same time. Therefore, once a pair decides to participate in the Honors Housing process, they will forfeit their participation in the SASHP process, and vice versa.

Honors College and SASHP students who to live as roommates may opt to participate in either housing process by completing an online form, the deadline to fill out the form is January 15<sup>th</sup> and notification of selection will be sent out on January 18<sup>th</sup>. **The student requesting to join the opposite process must be the one to fill out the [online form](#) and the roommate has to confirm by the deadline.** Please note: You must be logged into your Scarletmail account and logged out of all other Gmail accounts to access the form. Both students must be verified as honors students in good judicial and academic standing. Students can only participate in ONE of the processes. Questions regarding the Honors College lottery process may be directed to [honorshousing@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:honorshousing@echo.rutgers.edu).

**How do I apply for housing?**

Directions regarding the housing application process for continuing students can be found [online](#) at [oncampus.rutgers.edu](http://oncampus.rutgers.edu).

**What steps do I follow to obtain honors housing?**

- Apply for the [Housing Lottery](#) (Jan 14 – 29)
- Select your desired housing option(s) (e.g., double, suite, apartment) and desired roommate(s) through the Honors Housing application available at [oncampus.rutgers.edu](http://oncampus.rutgers.edu) from January 21<sup>st</sup> until the 29<sup>th</sup>
- Once the lottery results are released, select from the options available to you. Below are the dates of the selection process. **Please note** that all dates may be subject to change so be sure to read all communications that are sent your Rutgers email.
  - 2/4 4 person notification
  - 2/5 4 person selection
  
  - 2/6 6 person notification
  - 2/7 6 person selection
  
  - 2/8 2 person notification
  - 2/9 2 person selection

**Does applying for a lottery number lock me into a housing contract?**

Applying for a lottery number is an indicator that you would like to be considered for on-campus housing. Your contract is not finalized until you select an actual room assignment. It is better to apply for a lottery number even if you are unsure about living on campus next year.

**Can I apply to live in DRC and Honors Housing?**

Yes, but if you are selected for DRC housing, you will automatically be assigned to a DRC living space and cannot apply for or select an assignment in the honors housing process. Your acceptance to DRC housing would supersede any subsequent applications and waive your participation in any future lottery process (e.g. the honors lottery or general lottery). Questions and concerns regarding the DRC selection process may be directed to Merylou Rodriguez at [merylou.rodriguez@rutgers.edu](mailto:merylou.rodriguez@rutgers.edu).

**How many of my roommates need to fill out the housing application?**

Every roommate needs to apply for housing and input the names and RUID numbers of all their prospective roommates.

**Who makes the final decision between housing options?**

Once lottery results are released, any roommate can make the final decision to select a housing option, but that decision will apply to all their roommates and will be final. Make sure you discuss your options and come to an agreement before any one of your roommates makes the final selection.

**If I don't like the options available to me after the honors housing lottery, can I apply for the general lottery?**

Yes, your lottery number carries over to the general housing lottery, which takes place after the Honors Housing Lottery. If you don't like the outcome of the Honors Housing Lottery, you can always apply for general housing. Please note that students cannot return to an honors community once they have chosen to participate in the general lottery. Students residing in BEST Hall have the added benefit of also participating in the BEST lottery process. Questions regarding the BEST lottery process may be directed to [oncampus@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:oncampus@echo.rutgers.edu)