

Honors College Housing – Changemaking Communities for Continuing Students Frequently Asked Questions

The responses below are meant to answer frequently asked questions about the Honors College housing process. For a comprehensive review of the continuing student housing selection process, please visit the [Residence Life website](#).

Who is eligible to apply for Honors College housing?

Honors College students who are in good academic and judicial standing are eligible to apply for Honors College housing in one of our Changemaking Communities, which means students must be actively working toward Honors College requirements. The housing process for the 2023-24 academic year is open to Honors College students only *and is not open to other honors students*.

Do I have to live in Honors College housing?

Continuing students do not have to reside in Honors College housing after their first year. This option is available for students who prefer to stay in an Honors College Changemaking Community. However, [Presidential Scholars](#) must remain on campus during their second year.

What Honors College housing options are available?

Honors College housing is available on several campuses. Housing includes room configurations in doubles, suites, and apartments. All Honors College students are eligible for all of these options.

- Busch: BEST Hall, Thomas Suites
- College Ave: University Center at Easton Avenue, Campbell Hall
- Livingston: Livingston Apartments

To review the cost of living for each housing, please visit the [Residence Life rates and billing website](#).

What is the timeline for applying to Honors College housing?

The selection process takes place over the following dates. *Please note: that all dates may be subject to change so be sure to read all communications sent via Rutgers email.*

- January 23-February 7: Housing Selection Application Open
- February 8: Honors College Housing Selection Number Notification
- February 15: Honors College Notification of Selection Date/Time
- February 16: Honors College Housing Selection

What steps do I follow to obtain Honors College housing?

- [Complete the Housing Application](#).
- When the Housing Application is complete, you will see and be able to complete the Honors College Application.
- When Housing Selection opens, you will select your housing option(s) which will be displayed based on the number of roommates you provide (e.g., double, suite, apartment).
- You or one of your selected roommates will request your housing option.

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

Every roommate needs to apply for housing and input the name and RUID number of their prospective roommate. This year, each student may request housing alone or up to five roommates in the Honors College Housing selection process (for a total of six students in each group).

- Please note, your group size drives what you see in Honors College housing. If you have a group of six, you will only see Thomas Suites as an option.
- If you have a group of four or less, you will see all options available.
- Priority will go to full groups that fill the space you are selecting.

Who makes the final decision between housing options?

Once 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. **Only one roommate needs to submit the final decision.** Make sure you discuss your options and come to an agreement before any one of your roommates makes the final selection.

Who receives priority for Honors College Housing?

A reverse priority system is used within the Honors Housing selection process, with priority going to rising sophomore students with roommates, then rising sophomore students without roommates. Class year will be determined by what is listed via your school affiliation when you apply for Honors College housing. Eligibility will also be determined by the lowest housing selection number within the group for juniors and seniors. Reverse priority remains for all class years.

Does applying for a selection number lock me into a housing contract?

Applying for a selection 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 selection number even if you are unsure about living on campus next year.

Do I have to participate in the Changemaking Community programs?

Every Honors College housing option for continuing students is a [Changemaking Community](#), where students can earn up to 10 Changemaking Points (equivalent to 10 HC serves hours) each year for participating. However, students do not have any participation or engagement requirements for living in the community.

If I don't like the options available to me after the Honors College Housing lottery, can I apply for the general lottery?

Yes, your selection number carries over to the general housing process, which takes place after the Honors College housing process. If you don't like the outcome of the Honors College housing process 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 housing selection. Students residing in BEST Hall have the added benefit of also participating in the BEST selection process. Questions regarding the BEST selection process may be directed to oncampus@rutgers.edu

How do I apply to be a residential student leader (Resident Assistant, Changemaking Mentor, Peer Mentor, etc.)?

Students should follow up directly with the office or department that they are connected to in order to inquire about residential student leader applications. Decisions about these positions will be announced after the housing selection process, so be clear with your roommates about your application status and that you may need to remove yourself from your housing selection in early-to-mid March if you are selected for a position.

- Honors College: <https://honorscollege.rutgers.edu/become-student-leader>
- Residence Life: <http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/ra/>

Specialized Housing Requests & Accommodations

What if I need special housing accommodations for Honors College Housing (medical single, no carpet, access to specific bathrooms)? This does not include air-cooled rooms.

If you currently have an existing approved accommodation request on file with [Residence Life](#), you will receive notification from Residence Life. This happens prior to the general Honors College selection process. If you miss that process with Residence Life, you should still participate in the housing selection through Honors College and you may be waitlisted for your accommodation.

What if I need to live on College Avenue to accommodate my religious practices?

We understand the impact of how being assigned within walking distance of College Avenue resources will benefit your experience living on-campus. As such, we will make every effort to accommodate your request based on availability of Honors College housing spaces on the College Avenue campus. Please add "College Avenue for Sabbath purposes" in the Special Information section of the application.

If you stay a 5th year, are you still eligible for honors housing?

Students are only eligible for honors housing if they are undergraduate members of an honors community.

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

If you decide to select DRC housing, you will automatically be assigned to a DRC living space and cannot apply for or select an assignment in the Honors College Housing process. Your acceptance to DRC housing would supersede any subsequent applications and waive your participation in any future selection process. Questions and concerns regarding the DRC selection process may be directed to Ellen Lieberman at ellen.lieberman@rutgers.edu

Additional Resources:

Rutgers Residence Life:

<http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/>

On-Campus Rates and Billing:

<http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/rates-and-billing/>

Office of Off-Campus Living & Community Partnerships:

<http://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/>

Off-Campus Listings Search:

<https://www.places4students.com/Places/School?SchoolID=25pIyw3hW6k%3d>

Questions?

Honors College Housing Selection Process: honorshousing@echo.rutgers.edu

General Housing Selection Process: oncampus@rutgers.edu