

Student Housing Policy

Category: Operations

Approval: PVP

Responsibility: Vice-President, Finance & Administration

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Definitions:

Accessible accommodations: A response to an accessibility barrier and individualized adaptation or adjustment made to provide a person with a disability with equitable and non-discriminatory opportunities for participation. Accessible accommodations may include accommodating a service animal, specific room assignments, barrier free rooms, and/or modifications to rooms such as bed shakers, flashing lights, braille signage, etc.

Purpose/Reason for Policy:

The purpose of the Student Housing Policy is to encourage the development of safe, inclusive, high-quality communities on and off campus that support the educational aims of the University. The intent of this policy to improve access to information and resources related to student housing services to better provide affordable and safe housing options to students and comply with requirements under Bill 185, the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 and directives issued by the Ministry of Colleges & Universities.

Scope of this Policy:

This policy applies to University-operated student housing on all University campuses, and at University leased locations, for applicants and enrolled students at Trent University.

Policy Statement:

Trent University is committed to the following principles regarding the provision of student housing:

- Provide information on student housing services and resources in the form of dedicated web pages that provide comprehensive information and contact information for students seeking housing, as part of the University's commitment to supporting student well-being and success. Information is available at www.trentu.ca/housing.
- Maintain a dedicated housing office to offer support, guidance, resources, and information to students about their housing options.
- Offer on and off-campus housing options for domestic and international degree-seeking, first-year, upper-year, and graduate students, as well as students with families.
- Offer inclusive housing options that accommodate various student needs, including accessible accommodations.
- Offer off-campus housing resources including:
 - Institutionally endorsed third-party partnerships for housing databases;

- Support for housing searches, leasing, information on support for legal matters, and general housing education;
 - Information on safety and other relevant resources.
- Provide information on short-term housing options, services, and support for students requiring short-term accommodation.
- Foster residence communities that support the educational aims of the University and student academic success.
- Offer guarantees to students that meet the application requirements by the deadline communicated on the University housing website including:
 - First-year students applying directly from high school
 - Undergraduate International degree-seeking students
- Offer information about financing opportunities and assistance, including an emergency housing fund for students requiring short-term financial support.
- Consult with community partners and seek to develop partnership where appropriate.

Contact Officer:

Senior Director, Student Housing

Date for Next Review:

January 2030

Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

- a) Residence Community Standards
- b) Residence Agreement

Policies Superseded by This Policy:

- a) None