

DC HOUSING OPTIONS

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Housing Overview

A wide variety of housing is available throughout the Washington, DC area, including in Washington itself and in suburban Maryland and Virginia. For overviews of residential neighborhoods, see: <http://www.urbanigloo.com/renters/dc-neighborhoods/>

Location, Cost and Commute: As you would expect, housing in the metropolitan DC area is more expensive than in Pittsburgh. In general, the closer you live to the workplaces in the city center, the more expensive the housing, although there are some less-expensive areas within downtown Washington. However, keep in mind that there is often a trade-off between housing cost and commuting expense (and time). If you do not live within walking distance of your office, you will need to pay to commute either by Metro, bus, or car. If you plan to use a car, you will want to confirm the availability and cost of parking both at your workplace and at your residence. We recommend that you live on either a metro line or a bus line, preferably one that travels directly to a point near your office without needing to switch lines. Use WMATA's Trip Planner, <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/>, to find out what transportation is available to and from your workplace and to determine how much it will cost from various neighborhoods.

Safety: Like any city, Washington has its share of crime. You should keep in mind that some areas are safer than others and investigate to ensure that you are aware of any safety issues in the neighborhoods you are considering.

Housing Options

Temporary student and intern housing: There are several student and intern housing units in the city. Student/intern housing makes things very simple. You don't have to search for it; instead, you just apply and the organization assigns you a room. It is typically fully furnished, offers short-term leases, and allows you to be in the same building with other students and interns. However, it tends to be more expensive than subletting and may be limited to particular dates in which the housing is available for each semester. Typically, apartments are shared with other students or interns; you can usually choose to either share a bedroom or to have a private room.

Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH), <http://internsdc.com/> offers a 10% discount to Pitt Law students. Shared housing; in various locations.

WISH Woodley Park, <http://www.wishwoodleypark.com/>. In Woodley Park; intern-only housing.

The Congressional Apartments, <http://www.thecongressional.com/>. Intern-only housing, in Capitol Hill.

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The International Student House, <http://ishdc.org/>. For American and international students; dormitory style housing including some meals; near Dupont Circle.

Thompson Markward Hall (women only), <http://www.tmhdc.org>. Women-only dorm; provides meals; in Capitol Hill.

The Washington Intern Housing Network, <http://thewihn.com/>. In Eastern Market area of Capitol Hill.

Subletting an apartment or room: One of the most convenient housing options is subletting from other students who attend area universities. This is a particularly good option if you will only be in Washington for the semester, as sublets are usually available short-term. Sublets are also usually partially or fully furnished, are relatively inexpensive as compared to formal intern housing, and tend to be located in areas with other students or interns. Many SDC Program students have found housing easily by posting their own ads on sites such as Craigslist in the “housing wanted” section. Websites with sublet listings include:

<http://washingtondc.craigslist.org>

<http://dchousing.org/default.aspx>

www.Roommates.com

www.Sublet.com

www.airbnb.com/

In addition, some of the websites for the universities listed below under the “Summer Housing” heading contain sublet listings and/or have helpful search engines.

Friends, Family and Alumni: If you have friends or family in the Washington area, it is worth asking whether they have a spare room you could rent or borrow. Staying with friends and family can save you a lot of money over the course of the semester. Even if they don’t have a place for you to stay, they may know of some available housing. We will also post any temporary housing listings from Pitt Law alumni on our LinkedIn page, <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4269272>.

Summer Housing

Although the SDC Program is only available during the school year, we know that many of you are planning to intern in DC during the summer as well, so we are including this information on summer housing. If you are interning in the summer, you may also want to look into these local university housing options, which are convenient and tend to be relatively inexpensive. As mentioned above, many of these universities also have off-campus housing listings or search engines on their websites, which may be useful for either summer or semester housing searches.

American University Summer Housing On-Campus/Off Campus Housing

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<https://www.american.edu/ocl/conferences/Intern-Housing.cfm>

Anderson Hall, 1st Floor, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20016-8142
(202) 885-3370

Catholic University of America Summer Housing On-Campus

<http://conferences.cua.edu/summer/>

Housing and Residential Services, Saint Bonaventure Hall, Washington DC, 20064
(202) 319-5615

George Washington University Summer Housing On-Campus/Off Campus Housing Resource Center

<http://summerhousing.gwu.edu/>

2121 I Street NW, Rice Hall, Suite 402, Washington DC, 20052
202-994-6883 | Fax: 202-994-6730

Georgetown University Summer Housing On-Campus/Off-Campus Housing Office

<https://residentialiving.georgetown.edu/summer/individual>

37th and O Streets, NW, Box 2217, Washington DC, 20057
(202) 687.4560/(202) 687.5138

Trinity College Summer Housing On-Campus/Conference Office

<https://www.trinitydc.edu/special-events/summerconferencehousing/>

125 Michigan Avenue, NE
Washington DC, 20017
202-884-9136

Howard University Office of Residential Life

<https://residencelife.howard.edu/housing>

2401 4th Street, NW, Washington DC, 20059
(202) 806-6131