Residence

Living in residence at Carleton University offers you the opportunity to be part of a vibrant community with many opportunities and conveniences. By residing on campus, you will have the chance to form new friendships and develop an important sense of belonging.

You will enjoy living steps away from your classes, research labs, the Library, the Dining Hall and our excellent athletics facilities.

You can also take advantage of the many residence and event planning. Whether you are looking for Fellows who live on each floor. Residence Fellows building and are available to assist you in any your personal and academic goals while at university. We offer help in study skills, nutrition, in management, summer job searches, resume/career workshops, exam preparation and Community Outreach opportunities.

We also organize a wide range of social events so you can easily meet new people and enjoy your time in residence.

Our residences are well situated on campus. You can either walk or bicycle paths that border the nearby Rideau Canal, or you can take a bus or the light-rail on campus to take you to downtown Ottawa or a large shopping mall.

Community living

All new residents should be aware that Carleton's residence student government—operates a Themed Communities. These communities are meant to enhance the student experience by bringing together those with similar interests. For students who wish to live with like-minded artists, the Creative Arts and Design community will allow students to showcase their talents as they explore creativity and collaboration alongside people that share their passion. Do you love staying active, playing sports and working out? The Healthy Lifestyle community is comprised of residents who are passionate about living a balanced and healthy lifestyle. The other Themed Communities in residence include Technology and Media, Leadership & Engagement, Entrepreneurship, Global and International Studies (BGInS) and International Students. Each community provides a unique environment for students to explore and engage with like-minded peers.

Residence Life staff

At Carleton, Residence Life staff live in every building and are available to assist you in any way they can. The Residence Manager, who is a full-time staff member, oversees the activities in Residence and supervises the Residence Fellows who live on each floor. Residence Fellows are full-time students with special training in such areas as facility management, conflict management, and event planning. Whether you are looking for specific information or just feeling the need to talk, Residence Life staff members are there to help.

The Community Development Team members serve as resources to Residence Life staff and residence students. Whether you need to find all-residence programs to meet the needs of students and provide opportunities to meet peers outside of your specific floor or house.

The Community Advisors are senior level residence life staff that support the needs of the specific building community. They engage with students through house-wide events, promote awareness campaigns and initiatives, and facilitate meaningful connections between students. (Note: men and women do not share rooms or bathrooms.)

Staff working at the residence reception desk, centrally located in the Residence Commons, respond to telephone and counter inquiries and provide a cashier service to residents and visitors. University Safety’s Student Safety Patrol staff are current students and are cross-trained live-in residence staff security personnel in maintaining a safe and secure environment in all our residences overnight.

Residence services

Carleton University residence offers you a number of services including:

- trained live-in residence staff
- organized academic, leadership and social programs
- the residence reception desk staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week (excluding the December-January holiday break)
- on-campus dining hall offering nutritious meals with plenty of choice
- a Chip-in student lounge, the Raven's Roost, with a Ping Pong table, Wii Fit, board games and more
- residence mail-distribution service
- access to laundry, television and study rooms
- Attendant services available.

The Rideau River Residence Association (RRRA) – Carleton’s residence student government operates the Abode, a grocery store and sponsors special student events.

Comprehensive health and counselling services, a bank, hair stylist, travel agency and numerous student-run organizations representing the needs of our diverse student body are among the other services also available on campus.

Residence

Live, learn, experience life

Over 3,600 full-time students currently live in one of Carleton’s eleven residence buildings, or houses as they are called. While we offer two living styles—

- the majority of our rooms for first-year students are traditional double rooms with a limited number of traditional single rooms and suite-style single and double rooms.
- All rooms are smoke-free and the majority of floors are co-ed (female-only and male-only accommodation in traditional residence is available if requested, but limited).
- Washroom facilities range from communal-style arrangements to shared washrooms between rooms to private washroom suites. (Note: men and women do not share rooms or bathrooms.)
- Residence rooms are carpeted and equipped with beds, curtains, desks, chairs, bookshelves and study lamps and closets. You must provide your own bed linen and pillow.
- All rooms are wired for access to the university’s computer system, including the Internet.
- Please note there are a limited number of barrier-free rooms with 24-hour attendant services available.

Traditional residence

The majority of our residence accommodation is traditional double rooms. There are a limited number of single rooms.

Students living in a traditional residence are provided with an all-access meal plan. This plan allows students to enter the Dining Hall as many times as they wish during their day. Once the student has swiped their card, they can take advantage of the “You can eat to eat” style dining.

Please note:
- Kettles with an automatic shut-off and coffee makers are permitted.
- Cooking or heating appliances (popcorn makers, toaster ovens, space heater, etc.) are not permitted.
- Microwaves are available in the TV lounge on each floor.

Suites residence

There are a limited number of spaces (the majority of them are in double rooms) available to first-year students in our suite-style residences.

Prescott House has four-person, single-gender suites (either two doubles or four singles clustered around a common area) with a shared bathroom and a small meal preparation area. Each suite includes a full-size fridge and a microwave. Students in Prescott are required to participate in a meal plan and options include a year-long plan, an additional plan, available only to those living in suites.

Leeds House is normally reserved for graduate and senior undergraduate students. All rooms are singles, located in mainly four-person suites for undergraduates and mainly two-person suites for graduate students. The meal preparation areas in Leeds include a full-size fridge and microwave. Meal plans for Leeds residents are optional.

Frontenac House is normally reserved for students in second-year students. All rooms are singles, located in two-person suites with a meal preparation area that includes a fridge and microwave. Meal plans for Frontenac residents are optional.

Themed Communities

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Residence meal plans

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are offered daily. Meal plans listed are for the 2015-2016 academic year. First year students living in residence will be enrolled in the All-Access Meal Plan, which provides unlimited entry into the Dining Hall and $200 Dining ‘Flex’ Dollars. For students living in suite style residences, there is a Reduced Meal Plan option, which offers seven meals per week and $450 Flex Dollars. Returning Carleton students have the option of selecting the Transition Plan (12 meals per week, no Flex Dollars) or opting out of a meal plan. The meal plan for residents of Leeds and Lanark houses are optional. Visit housing.carleton.ca/fees-and-food for further information.

Cost

Your residence fees cover the cost of your room, telephone, internet connection and your chosen meal plan. Only students living in Leeds and Lanark houses may opt out of a meal plan. The fees for September 2015 to April 2016 are as follows:

- Traditional residence (Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Lanark, Lennox and Addington, Renfrew, Russell and Stormont):
  - Meal plan
    - Double: $9,687
    - Single: $11,419
  - Transition Plan (returning Carleton students only): $9,687
  - Reduced Plan: $10,006
  - Transition Plan (returning Carleton students only): $10,006
- Suitcase residence (Frontenac, Leeds and Prescott):
  - Meal plan
    - Double: $18,758
    - Single: $32,651
  - Room Only (Leeds and Frontenac): $10,839
  - Reduced Plan: $11,108
- Traditional room in Glengarry House:
  - Meal plan: $9,687
  - Single: $11,419
- Traditional room in St. Andrews House:
  - Meal plan: $11,549
  - Single: $12,651
- Traditional room in Stormont, Dundas or Lennox and Addington House:
  - Meal plan: $10,397
  - Single: $11,419
  - Room Only: $7,751

Confirmation and final payment

Students offered residence accommodation must first accept Carleton’s admission offer. They then must confirm their residence accommodation offer online at housing.carleton.ca by completing all the formalities and paying the required $700 deposit by 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on June 8, 2016. If you do not receive an Offer of Residence Accommodation, you must contact Admissions Services to determine your eligibility.

Living off campus

Our Housing Office provides an off-campus housing service. Information is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on our website or posted outside our office, located at 261 Stormont House. Details such as rent, location, furnishings and facilities are included on each notice. To view current listings, visit our website at housing.carleton.ca/off-campus-housing.

Please note that posted accommodation is not inspected by the university. If you have not secured residence housing by mid-July or if you have chosen to live off campus, you should start the search for housing by late July. Competition for rentals increases dramatically in August. Accommodation can be found, but you must be willing to invest time and effort in an early search to be successful.