Where do HGSE Students Live?

- Cambridge
- Somerville
- Medford
- Belmont
- Watertown
- Allston
- Brookline
- Brighton
- *Everywhere!*
How much does it cost to live in the Cambridge/Boston Area?

Rent in the Cambridge/Boston areas can range from $933/month for a room in a shared apartment to $5,967/month for a 3-bedroom apartment + utilities.
Types of Housing

1. Harvard University Housing (HUH)
2. Cronkhite Residence Hall (part of HUH)
3. GSAS Residence Halls
4. Private Rentals
Harvard University Housing

• Main application season: March 1 – May 1
• $1,716/month (studio) - $5,364/moth (3-bedroom)
• Lease start dates vary - usually July 1 - June 30
• All utilities included
• Monthly payment: check, credit card, student bill
• No last month’s rent, security deposit, or “finder” fees
• Single students only (120 rooms)
• July 1 – June 30
• Rate: $1,206 - $1,578 (per month) + $6,610 mandatory meal plan.
• Term billed and monthly options
• Applications March 1 - May 1
Graduate Commons @ HUH

Interdisciplinary, community-based program for Harvard graduate students, faculty, staff, and their families living in 
H.U.H. properties
Applications submitted (March 1 - May 1) are *randomly* assigned view & select dates in early May.

On your "View" date you can see details about available units; you can only choose a unit on your “Select” date.

Once you select a unit, HUH will email lease documents to you within two business days.

Questions? email leasing@harvard.edu or call 617.495.1459

*Each select window has approximately 400 applicants.*
Graduate School of Arts & Science (GSAS) Residence Halls

- Single students only (20 rooms)
- August 23, 2019 - May 22, 2020
- Rate: $7,402 - $11,622 (per academic year) + $2,426 mandatory meal plan
- Term billed in two installments
- **Application deadline: May 1** (5 pm EDT)
- Rooms are randomly assigned via lottery
Applicants with Disabilities and/or Special dietary needs

Apartments appropriate for individuals with a physical disability or medical condition are available + service animals.

Cronkhite & GSAS meal plans can accommodate students’ special dietary needs.

Please contact Maritza Hernandez ASAP
Maritza_Hernandez@gse.harvard.edu
Off-campus options
Private Rentals

• Online classified ads on websites like harvardhousingoffcampus.com, padmapper.com*, boston.com*, etc.

• Real estate agencies charge a "finder's fee" (usually one month's rent) + security deposit, 1st and last month’s rent.

*Please note that Harvard University and the HGSE do not endorse any of these services
Utilities

- Monthly costs can be *roughly estimated* at $300/month
- Gas, heat, and electricity
- Water (usually included in rent)
- Washer/Dryer (usually coin-operated)
On & Off-campus

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
Roommates

Finding roommates can be a good way to reduce housing costs

- harvardhousingoffcampus.com*
- Boston.craigslist.org*
- Facebook*

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Signing a Lease

- A lease is a binding legal contract (usually one year)
- Health problems, roommate challenges, construction noise, etc. will not allow you to get out of a lease.

*Verbal agreements are non-binding, make sure all expectations are listed on lease*
A lease rider is an addition to the lease indicating a specific condition, for example, a construction project taking place during the lease term.
Students may rent a space from the University parking office ($1,650.00+/year)

Parking Questions:
parking@harvard.edu
617.496.7827
Cambridge Parking

Parking in Cambridge is by permit; you must register your vehicle in Massachusetts (subject to state tax and local insurance rates).

Apartments usually do not include parking; if advertised, make sure it is stated on the lease.
Public Transportation

MBTA bus and subway “the T”
• Discounted semester passes available for HGSE students
Can I bring my pet?

A limited number of HUH properties allow pets

*Please contact HUH for complete rules & regulations

Make sure your lease/landlord clearly grants permission to have pets
Contact Information

Harvard University Housing (Including Cronkhite):

• General questions: huhousing@harvard.edu; 617.496.7827
• Application questions: housingapp@harvard.edu; 617.496.4449
• Lease questions: leasing@harvard.edu; 617.496.1459

GSAS Residence Halls:

gsasreslife@fas.harvard.edu; 617495.5060