

When to Apply for Housing

Housing offers are based on availability of units, geographic priority, and date of receipt of application. Applicants outside a 30-mile radius of the greater New York City area have the highest priority for housing.

The following dates are recommended for submitting a housing application:

Fall term entry:	February 1st
Spring term entry:	September 1st
Summer term entry:	December 1st

Students are encouraged to apply prior to the early application dates listed above and may apply for housing up to one year in advance of the term they seek housing. Given the limited number of spaces available, we may be unable to accommodate all requests for housing.

To complete an application, visit our website at www.tc.edu/housing. The application processing fee is \$30 and is payable on-line.

Notification of Assignment

Students will be notified by the Office of Residential Services of their housing status once an offer can be made. Each student's assignment letter contains information regarding the unit to which the student has been assigned (e.g. type of unit, semester housing charge, and approximate size of unit) as well as information regarding check-in. Notification that a housing space is available will be accompanied with a Housing Contract and other documentation, which must be returned along with a \$500 housing security deposit to hold the space. The deposit is held in an interest bearing account for the duration of the student's residence and may not be used for semester housing charges. Once offered an assignment in Teachers College housing, the housing application may not be deferred to another semester. Hence, the applicant would need to submit a new housing application and fee for the desired semester.

Applications will be processed beginning:

May 1st	Fall Term
November 1st	Spring Term
March 1st	Summer A Term
April 1st	Summer B Term

2008-2009 Average Rates

(per semester)

Single Student Housing

517 West 121st Efficiency (no private kitchen)	\$7,250
517 West 121st Efficiency ¹ (private kitchen)	\$8,750
Grant Shared Two Bedroom Apartment ¹	\$4,700
Whittier Shared Two Bedroom Apartment	\$4,700
Whittier Single Room	\$3,600
Whittier Suite Room	\$3,950
Whittier Efficiency ¹ (private kitchen)	\$5,700
Whittier One Bedroom ¹ (private kitchen)	\$6,500
Whittier Studio ¹ (private kitchen)	\$6,800

Family Housing

Bancroft One Bedroom Apartment	\$7,200
Bancroft Two Bedroom Apartment	\$7,600
Bancroft Three Bedroom Apartment ¹	\$8,600
Grant One Bedroom Apartment	\$7,200
Sarasota One Bedroom Apartment	\$7,200

Rates are subject to change and typically increase 4-6% each year.

¹Limited availability

Important Information

- Applicants are encouraged to apply for housing even if they have not yet applied or been admitted to the College as the date of the application is utilized to make offers. However, no offer will be made until students are admitted into a degree program and have paid their Admissions Deposit.
- Applicants for a Family Housing apartment must submit supporting documentation directly to the Office of Residential Services. Please refer to Documentation of Family Status in this brochure for more details.
- Individuals interested in summer-only housing should visit our website at www.tc.edu/housing for a Summer Conference Housing application.
- Housing applications will only be considered for the initial semester for which a student applies. The Office of Residential Services should be notified in writing if an applicant decides to defer application. Housing applications may be deferred for a maximum of one year, provided an assignment was not offered.
- New students should notify the Office of Admissions and continuing students should notify the Office of the Registrar of changes in mailing address, phone, and/or email.



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TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Student Housing



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Teachers College Housing

The Office of Residential Services at Teachers College strives to create a multicultural campus community that supports students in their academic endeavors and personal growth. The residence halls bring together graduate students from all over the world in an environment that provides a unique opportunity to establish new friendships, explore worldviews, and take advantage of all that New York City offers. Living close to the campus affords students easy access to the library, classroom, gym, and other Columbia University facilities. Students may choose to take advantage of a wide range of residence hall activities, club meetings, departmental lectures, and cultural events.

Teachers College has approximately 650 spaces available for single students and 150 apartments for students with families. The buildings are located in a vibrant and historic urban neighborhood known as Morningside Heights. Most of our residence halls are historic buildings similar to other early 1900's New York City apartment-style buildings. Our newest building, 517 West 121st, opened in the fall of 2004.

Eligibility for Housing

In order to be eligible for student housing, students must be enrolled in a degree program at Teachers College and registered for classes. To maintain housing eligibility, residents must be enrolled and register for a minimum of 9 credits or equivalent each semester (Fall and Spring). Two-thirds of each semester's credits (6 points per term) must be earned course credits (i.e. not Certificates of Equivalency). Semester courses that are defined by the Registrar as full-time (e.g. dissertation advisement), qualify a resident for full-time status.

Housing contracts extend for one calendar year beginning with Summer term. Any resident who completes eighteen credits during the fall and spring semesters combined (or 9 credits during the Spring semester for students who begin residency in the spring) is not required to register for summer sessions and may remain in the residence hall, but must re-enroll for the upcoming fall semester and live in Teachers College housing for the upcoming fall semester.

Family Housing

Teachers College maintains three Family Housing options: Bancroft, Grant, and Sarasota Halls. Housing rates vary according to the size and location of the apartment and include heat and hot water, local phone, caller ID and voicemail, internet access and a premium cable television package. Residents must pay monthly electricity charges as well as monthly long distance phone bills. All units are full furnished.



Sarasota Hall

yard-side apartments have a long hallway with the bedroom, eat-in kitchen, bathroom, and living room opening into the hallway.

Bancroft Hall, located at 509 West 121st Street, is an eight story residence hall with 107 apartments. This building has one-, two-, and three -bedroom apartments. Due to limited availability, two- and three-bedroom apartments are typically only available for families with children. Each unit has a bathroom, living room/dining room area, kitchenette, and bedroom(s). The front apartments face 121st Street, while the rear apartments face a courtyard which connects Bancroft to Grant and Sarasota Halls. The Bancroft Hall front desk is staffed 24 hours a day.



Bancroft Hall

Grant and Sarasota Halls, located at 514 and 512 West 122nd Street, respectively, are six-story buildings with four apartments on each floor. All apartments in these two buildings are one-bedroom apartments. The street side apartments have an entry foyer, living room, bedroom, eat-in kitchen, and bathroom. Court-

Family Housing Eligibility

To be eligible for family housing, students must demonstrate that the applicant and the individual(s) with whom the applicant is applying to reside with share a qualifying family relationship. Qualifying family relationships include the following:

- (a) marriage
- (b) presence of minor or dependent child (ren)
- (c) domestic partnership, i.e., a long-term relationship between two adult partners.

Relationships that do not qualify for family housing status include: parents, grandparents or siblings of applicants, other than a minor sibling for whom the resident is the legal guardian.

Family Status Documentation

All persons applying for family housing must submit proper documentation along with their application. The following are acceptable forms of documentation:

1. Copy of a current marriage certificate.
2. In the case of a single parent, the birth certificate(s), the adoption papers, or other appropriate documentation indicating legal guardianship.
3. Notarized affidavit declaring that the applicants share a domestic partnership. The approved affidavit form is available at www.tc.edu/housing. In addition, those who apply as Domestic Partners must include one of the following:
 - a. Copy of a joint lease naming and signed by both applicants and their landlord;
 - b. Joint tax returns for one calendar year immediately preceding the application;
 - c. Notarized letter on bank letterhead signed by a bank officer indicating a joint saving and/or checking account for at least one calendar year;
 - d. Affidavit of Domestic Partnership from New York City or any city which registers unmarried couples who are in a committed, ongoing family relationship.

Single Student Housing

Teachers College maintains three Single Student Housing buildings: 517 West 121st, Grant, and Whittier Halls. Housing rates vary according to the size and location of the apartment and include electricity, heat and hot water, local phone, caller ID and voicemail, internet access and a premium cable television package. All single student housing units are fully furnished.

517 West 121st, is located at 517 West 121st Street and opened in the Fall 2004 term. The building contains 250 efficiency units with a private bathroom located in each unit. The building contains two types of units. *Efficiency with no private kitchen* and *Efficiency with private kitchen*.

Efficiency with no private kitchen units share community kitchens, which are located throughout the building. These units are approximately 215 square feet.



517 West 121st
Efficiency without kitchen

Efficiency with private kitchen units contain a private kitchen and are between approximately 260 and 335 square feet.

Grant Hall, located at 514 West 122nd Street, is a six-story building with four apartments on each floor. The courtyard side, *shared two bedroom apartments* contain two bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, and bathroom.

Whittier Hall, located at 1230 Amsterdam Avenue was constructed in 1901 and houses approximately 350 single students. There are several different types of housing accommodations offered in this residence hall. All units within Whittier Hall include a private bedroom. Room sizes vary in all accommodation types.



Whittier Hall

In the *single* rooms, kitchen and bathroom facilities are shared by approximately 20 students. *Suites* are self-contained units with three to six private bedrooms. Residents of suites share a kitchen, bathroom, and common area.

Shared two bedroom apartments contain two bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, and bathroom.

Efficiency units, *one bedroom apartments*, and *studio* units all have a private bathroom and kitchen.

I. House, a residential community of 700 graduate students, interns and trainees located at 500 Riverside Drive, offers a handful of different private-bedroom units reserved specifically for Teachers College students, in particular, single and suite units. Resident members of I. House come from 100 countries, including one-third from the United States, and represent more than 75 academic and training institutions. Rates vary according to size of the room, which floor the room is on and whether or not the room has a park or river view. Other fees include a refundable security deposit, a technology fee, and a daily fee for credit in the I. House dining room. All fees are charged on a semester basis and payment is due at the beginning of each semester directly to I. House. Please visit the I. House website (www.ihouse-nyc.org) to find out specific information regarding I. House. More information regarding the I. House option will be communicated to applicants at the start of each assignment process.

Tours

The Office of Residential Services conducts tours of all Teachers College residential facilities (based on availability) every weekday at 2:00 pm. Tours depart from the Office of Residential Services on the first floor of Whittier Hall.