February 1, 2024

Dear Newly Admitted UCI Graduate Student:

On behalf of Student Housing, congratulations on your admission to graduate study at the University of California, Irvine. Admission to a Ph.D., J.D. or MFA program includes a guaranteed offer of on-campus housing for Fall 2024 in one of seven on-campus apartment communities. Eligible students must be admitted early enough to complete all steps outlined below and Fall offers cannot be deferred. The Housing Website, www.housing.uci.edu, provides specifics on the housing guarantee, housing options, and how to complete the application process. Basic instructions are also provided below.

Guaranteed Housing Application Window: March 1 - May 2, 2024 (closes at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time)

To receive a guaranteed housing offer, complete the following steps by the dates indicated:

1. Visit the Student Housing website to learn about housing options, current rental rates, and the contract process. https://housing.uci.edu/grad/
2. Submit your SIR and Activate your UCINetID. You will not be able to access the housing application until you submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and activate your UCINetID. There will be a 24-48 hour interval between the time you submit your SIR and you are able to access the housing application.
3. Apply for Housing by 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) on May 2, 2024.
   a. Login to the housing application: https://my.housing.uci.edu/gateway/
   b. Rank communities and apartment types listed on the application in order of preference. Placement in a specific community or apartment type is not guaranteed.
   c. Indicate your desired move-in month. Be sure to check with your academic advisor for program start dates before selecting your desired move-in month.
   d. To complete your application, pay the $20 (U.S. Funds) non-refundable processing fee (by credit card, check, or money order) by May 2, 2024 (4:00 p.m., Pacific Time).
4. Housing Offer: Housing preferences recorded in your application will be used to make a “best fit” offer from the available spaces across the seven participating communities. Offers will be sent via email by July 31, 2024. Follow all instructions contained in your offer email and respond by the deadline indicated.

IMPORTANT -- Please Note the Following: 
- The May 2nd application deadline is strictly enforced. Housing offers are not guaranteed for applications received after the deadline.
Many housing spaces are already occupied by continuing students who live in our communities. Housing offers to new students are for spaces available for the 2024-25 academic year. Please select a variety of floor plan options in your housing application, and keep in mind that there are a limited number of available spaces in high demand units (e.g., studios, 1-Bedroom units, and lower-cost units).

Research your housing options and costs before you complete your application. Rental rates vary by floorplan and community, and we recommend that you budget for the highest rates listed.

Verano Place, Palo Verde and Campus Village offer unfurnished apartments only. All apartments in Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte, Puerta del Sol, and Plaza Verde are furnished.

Housing Agreements will begin on the date the space is available for occupancy. **Housing cannot guarantee the availability of specific spaces to match specific arrival dates.** In some instances, students may need to begin their Housing Agreements before their arrival.

Once you accept your housing offer, you must remain in that space for one year before becoming eligible to request a transfer to a different community or space.

Students who decline their guaranteed housing offer may elect to be placed on the waitlist for a specific community or apartment type. This is a risky option, however, as the demand for certain housing communities and apartment types is extremely high. If Housing is unable to make an offer (that you accept) from the waitlist before the first day of classes, you will lose your eligibility for the housing guarantee. Students who are offered housing from the waitlist after the first day of classes are only offered housing for the current academic year, and their lease agreement may or may not be renewable, based on space availability.

If you have questions about this process, please email: gradguarantee@housing.hsg.uci.edu.

Sincerely,

Tim Trevan
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Housing