

# Undergraduate Residence

## FAQS FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

### How many residence spaces are available at York?

York has close to 2,500 residence spaces available for undergraduate students in seven buildings at the Keele campus and two buildings at the Glendon campus. Approximately 50% of spaces are assigned to first year students and 50% to upper year students.

### What style of residence does York have?

Most buildings are arranged in a traditional dormitory style with standard bedrooms sharing common washrooms and lounges and are the least expensive option. The Keele campus also has some suite-style residence that includes in-suite kitchens and bathroom typically shared by two or six students, however space is limited.

### Am I eligible for undergraduate residence?

You are eligible for undergraduate residence as long as you enrol as a full-time student in an undergraduate programme.

### Will I be guaranteed residence?

We guarantee an offer of residence to all first year students who are admitted from a full-time secondary school program, and who apply by June 1, 2011.

### Can I live in residence in my upper years?

Yes, you are eligible to apply for residence in your upper years as long as you:

- ✓ remain enrolled as a full-time student, and
- ✓ have no behavioral infractions while in residence, and
- ✓ have no outstanding debt on your student account.

If you meet all of the criteria above and complete an 80% course load with a grade point average of 6.0 or higher, then you are guaranteed a residence offer as long as you apply by the published deadline.

### When can I apply for residence?

Our online residence application opens on January 31, 2011. Go to [www.yorku.ca/myfile](http://www.yorku.ca/myfile) and follow the instructions. Set 10 minutes aside to complete your application and return it no later than June 1, 2011 to secure your guarantee.

### Can I still apply for residence after June 1st?

Yes. We accept residence applications all summer. A waiting list is kept during July and August and if we receive some cancellations then any available space will be offered as it opens up. After June 1<sup>st</sup> priority is given to first-year students who live further away.

### Do I have to pay a fee with my application?

Yes. A \$30 non-refundable fee must accompany your online application, payable online by Visa, MasterCard or Amex. Or if you do not have a credit card, the \$30

non-refundable fee can also be paid by cheque or bank cheque.

### Can I choose the residence that I want to live in?

You can select a preferred residence on your application but we cannot make guarantees. Most residences are attached to a college that is affiliated with a faculty, so each college offers a unique culture and academic focus. Check the following website for some fast facts about the colleges that can assist you with a preferred residence:

<http://www.yorku.ca/web/futurestudents/life/colleges.html>

Don't worry so much about which residence – every residence has a great support system and experience to offer first year students, no matter which faculty you belong to.

### Can I live in a suite-style residence?

We recommend that first year students experience living in a traditional dorm-style residence with a roommate. It's a great way to meet other students, socialize and study together. Plus you'll enjoy the convenience of a meal plan. Traditional residence is our most affordable option and cleaning services are provided in the common areas and washrooms.

Our suite-style options may be the choice for those who like to cook and clean for themselves, but it is a more expensive option and space reserved for first year students is very limited.

Pond Road Residence is a popular choice but has only about 100 spaces available for first year students. Most of the space in Pond will be assigned by lottery to students who apply to live in a suite together. Applicants who are not selected will be assigned to either their 2<sup>nd</sup> residence preference or to another building where there is space available.

Every effort is made to accommodate your residence preference, but there are no guarantees. You should be prepared to accept any space that is offered in any residence as it will depend on availability. Your most important objective should be to get into any space in residence, just for the total university experience!

### Are the rooms furnished/equipped?

Yes. Rooms come furnished with a bed, desk, chair, dresser, and closet. High speed Internet access and telephones with voicemail, call waiting and other features are all included with your room fees. Students can also subscribe to cable TV for an additional fee. Students supply their own linens.

### **Will I share a room?**

Most first year students will share a double room. The residence application asks specific questions about your lifestyle preferences which will be used to match your compatibility with potential roommates.

You will have the opportunity to self-select a roommate or have one selected for you. To ensure optimal compatibility and harmonious roommate relations, you should answer the questions completely and honestly. Double rooms are shared by students who are of the same gender.

Most of our single rooms are assigned to upper year students, however first year students admitted with an average of 90% or higher are guaranteed a single room if they request one by the June 1st deadline.

### **Can I share a room with a friend who is also accepted to York?**

Yes. You can submit your online application through your "MyFile" any time up until June 1st to select a preferred or specific roommate. Both students are required to accept each other before Housing can confirm your room assignment together.

### **Are the residences co-ed?**

Most residences are co-ed, but there is a limited number of floors/sections designated as female only or male only. Please check our website for more specific information about this availability.

### **Are the washrooms shared?**

Yes. In most buildings washrooms are shared by female and male students living within that floor or section. Floors or sections that are designated as female or male only will also have washrooms that are female or male only.

### **Is smoking allowed in residence?**

No. Smoking is not permitted in any of the residence buildings.

### **How much will residence cost me?**

We suggest you budget about \$7,500-\$8,500 to cover your residence and food costs for the eight month period, not including personal spending money. Please check our website for more specific information about residence costs.

### **Do I have to buy a meal plan?**

Yes. The purchase of a non-refundable meal plan is a requirement for acceptance into most undergraduate residences. Only suite style residence has optional meal plans. Cooking is not permitted in traditional residence but students may rent or bring compact refrigerators.

### **What food choices are there on campus?**

There are approximately 40 food service providers on the Keele campus offering a wide variety of food types including salads, soup and sandwiches, full "home-style" dinners, fast food, international, halal and kosher food. The Glendon campus has a main dining hall and a fast food outlet.

### **How long is the residence contract for?**

Your residence contract is for both Fall and Winter academic terms from September – April but excludes the University holiday closure period when the residences are closed. Students need to make alternative living arrangements during the closure period but can apply to stay in residence if he/she has nowhere else to go and will pay a \$100 holiday fee if approved.

### **When is move-in and move-out?**

Official move-in day for new students will be announced soon. Students are required to move out 24 hours after their final written exam. Residence is also available during the summer months. Applications for summer residence will be available March 1st.

### **Will I have to pay a deposit for residence?**

Yes. Once we receive your signed acceptance and agreement, you will be required to make a deposit of \$500 room reservation deposit to your student account. The deposit is non-refundable and is not an additional charge and will be deducted from your room fee.

### **Are there any other costs to live in residence?**

In addition to your room and meal costs, you will pay a mandatory non-refundable fee of \$80 for residence life activities. You should also factor in costs for long distance calling and cable TV if you intend to subscribe to those optional services. Finally, we strongly recommend that students make their own insurance arrangements before moving into residence because the University is not responsible for loss or damage of personal property for any reason. I will be new to university life.

### **Will there be anybody to help me?**

Absolutely. You'll have plenty of support and help. Each residence building has senior live-in staff called residence "Dons" who are there to act as resource persons and lend a helping hand, particularly to first year students. The Dons' teams work under the guidance of a live-in Residence Life Coordinator or Manager, who is responsible for all aspects of undergraduate residence life.

### **Do you offer residence tours?**

Definitely! It's a great idea for you to come for a campus or residence tour. You can view our schedule and sign up online by emailing us at: [glendon@yorku.ca](mailto:glendon@yorku.ca)

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