

Spring 2023

Greetings and congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown!

Our goal is to create a living and learning experience that you will come to consider your true home away from home. There are many benefits to becoming a member of our residential community. Living on campus offers convenience, opportunities to develop life-long friendships, and an environment that fosters educational and personal growth.

All first-year students are housed in one of the first-year halls – Hickory, Hemlock, Laurel, Maple, or Oak. More information may be found on our [website](#).

You will be able to pay your housing deposit and complete your application beginning on May 1, 2023. To access the online housing application, go to my.pitt.edu and click on the *Johnstown Campus Housing Application and Deposit* task center. Please read the attached document for complete instructions.

For those of you who have not identified a roommate, we have partnered with RoomSync to help you identify the ideal roommate match! You will receive a separate email with instructions on using the free system. Students who do not indicate roommate preference will be assigned to a single-gender room and suite. However, you have the option of choosing a gender-inclusive living option. Gender-inclusive housing provides an option for two students to share a room regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Students will only be assigned to gender-inclusive housing if they indicate interest on their housing application.

The University recognizes that the value of the Pitt-Johnstown experience extends beyond the classroom and into the life of the University community. Research shows that on-campus residency supports student persistence and success. Therefore, the University requires all full-time, first-year students to live in one of the on-campus residence halls for four consecutive semesters (fall/spring). The University grants an exemption if you meet one of the following criteria:

- You will reside with your parent(s) or legal guardian, within a commuting distance of 50 miles from Pitt-Johnstown.
- You are over the age of 24.
- You are married and/or students with children.
- You have a qualifying medical condition

To request an exemption for any reason, you must complete the “residency exemption” form found on the *Johnstown Campus Housing & Dining Services* task center (please note this is a different task center than the one where you complete your housing application) on the Pitt portal. The exemption request will be reviewed and you will be notified if it is approved or denied. If further information is requested and not provided, the request will be denied.

If you have any questions and/or concerns during the process, please contact us at your convenience. You may reach us at upjhousing@pitt.edu,

As you are making your fall plans, please remember students who live on campus assume the liability for damage to or loss of any personal items. The University is not liable for the replacement or repair of personal items that are damaged or stolen while the student resides on campus. We encourage every student to have insurance coverage for personal property whether through their parents' homeowner's insurance or renters' insurance. We have provided information from a company specializing in property insurance for college students [here](#). *Please note that this company is not formally endorsed by the University.*

Please remember that all official communication from our office is sent to your Pitt email address. Please be sure to check your Pitt email regularly so you don't miss any important updates or deadlines.

For the safety of our students who are over the age of 18, we will only share certain information directly with the student. This information includes housing application status, housing assignment, roommate requests, housing and/or dining charges, and meal plan choices. Please make sure your parents and family members are aware of this. If you are over the age of 18 and request information via email, we will respond only to those requests sent from your Pitt email account. If you call for information over the phone, we will ask personally identifiable information to confirm your identity. This practice is in place for your protection.

To help you begin planning for your arrival on campus, preliminary move-in information for the fall is available on our Housing website.

We look forward to seeing you on campus in August!

Office of Housing & Dining Services
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown