

Accommodation Allocations Policy 2019/20

The allocations policy and process for session 2019/20 is set out below:

The University of Stirling will guarantee an offer of University-managed accommodation in your first year of full time study if you meet the eligibility criteria and your application reaches us by the advised deadline. (Please note deadline dates vary so please check the deadline information carefully)

The guarantee is subject to terms and conditions.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a guaranteed offer of accommodation:

1. You must have accepted your offer to study at the University of Stirling, this offer can be conditional or unconditional
2. You must live more than 20 miles from the University. If you live within 20 miles of the University and wish accommodation you should still apply, but you are not guaranteed an offer of accommodation. We recognise that within this boundary there are some areas not served well by public transport. If you face specific transport difficulties and live within 20 miles of the University please notify us during the application process as we may make exceptions in certain circumstances.
3. You must complete your online application by the following dates:

| New Undergraduate students | Applications open | Deadline for Accommodation Guarantee |
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| Scottish and EU students | April 2019 | 30 June 2019 |
| Rest of the United Kingdom and Overseas | April 2019 | 31 August 2019 |

| New Postgraduate students | Applications open | Deadline for Accommodation Guarantee |
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| All PGR and PGT students | April 2019 | 31 July 2019 |

Guarantee terms and conditions

1. The University Accommodation Guarantee extends to **one** offer of accommodation only. The guarantee does not extend to couples or family accommodation
2. If you reject or fail to accept an offer by the expiry date there is no guarantee any further offer will be made
3. If you fail to apply for accommodation before the deadline date you are not guaranteed an offer of student accommodation
4. To be eligible for the guarantee Postgraduate students must have paid their tuition fee deposit by the 31 July 2019
5. Rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis with priority given to students who:
 - a. Are care experienced
 - b. Will be under 18 at the beginning of the academic year
 - c. Have a medical condition that requires specific accommodation needs (supporting medical evidence will be required and possibly a pre-entry visit before an offer can be made)
 - d. Live in SIMD20 and SIMD40 areas
6. There is no guarantee that you will be offered your preferred choice of accommodation. The allocations team take choices into account until such times as a property is full. If the allocations team is unable to offer accommodation in any of your chosen properties, and where there is other accommodation available, they will offer an alternative
7. Once you have accepted your offer to study at University of Stirling you will be sent details on how and when to apply for accommodation. Your application must be made online unless you are applying for family accommodation
8. Students should, wherever possible, make their own applications and accept their room offer.
9. Where a student gives a third party (e.g. agent) permission to make the application or accept the room offer on their behalf, the student is bound by the offer and the terms of the Occupancy Agreement as if they themselves had made the application and accepted the room offer.
10. Groups are welcome to apply – each student must make an individual application. Please note that rooms will not be held for group members without an application
11. Where students have applied by the relevant guarantee deadline they will receive an offer of accommodation. No offer of accommodation will be made until after exam results are published in August 2019
12. Offers are made with an expiry date of 7 days. If an offer is not accepted in this time the guarantee no longer applies
13. All communication will be via email
14. In the event that demand for accommodation exceeds supply, students who have adhered to the terms and conditions and applied before the deadline may be offered temporary accommodation on a short-term basis until an offer of permanent accommodation can be made
15. Accommodation Services reserve the right not to offer accommodation to an applicant

Priority students

In addition to a guaranteed offer of accommodation to new students, the University prioritises accommodation for the following groups:

| Student Group | Application information |
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| Care experienced students in any academic year | An application priority exists for returning students during the period between 9.30am on 11 March 2019 until 4.00pm on 14 March 2019. |
| Students with a medical condition that requires specific accommodation needs (e.g. wheelchair requirement, mobility issues) | An application priority exists for returning students during the period between 9.30am on 11 March 2019 until 4.00pm on 14 March 2019. Students applying in this period can apply with a maximum of one friend, friend should apply at the same time |
| Students with a home residence in SIMD20 and SIMD40 postcodes in any academic year | An application priority exists for returning students during the period between 9.30am on 11 March 2019 until 4.00pm on 14 March 2019. |
| INTO University of Stirling students progressing to an Undergraduate course | An application priority exists for returning students during the period between 9.30am on 11 March 2019 until 4.00pm on 14 March 2019. Applications will still be accepted after this date Progressing students must have accepted their degree offer from the University of Stirling BEFORE they apply for accommodation |
| INTO Pathway students | Applications through INTO University of Stirling |
| Study Abroad students i.e. Visitor Exchange, FYSAE | Online applications for full session and autumn and spring only semesters will open in April 2019. A limited number of rooms are available for both autumn and spring only semesters. |
| Students visiting from <i>Pompeu Fabra University</i> and <i>Hebei Normal University</i> and students participating in Stirling Management School's <i>retail marketing (Singapore)</i> course | Online applications will open in April 2019 |

Returning Undergraduates

We welcome applications for returning undergraduate students and online applications for full session and autumn semester only will open from 12 noon on 18 March 2019. Spring semester applications will open 7 October 2019.

A limited number of rooms are available for both autumn and spring only semesters.

Please note that an application priority exists for returning students who are care experienced, have a home address in SIMD20 or SIMD40 postcodes or have specific medical requirements during the period between 9.30am on 11 March 2019 until 4.00pm on 14 March 2019.

Your home address must be more than 20 miles from the University. If you live within 20 miles of the University and wish accommodation you should still apply, but you may not be given an offer of accommodation. We recognise that within this boundary there are some areas not served well by public transport. If you face specific transport difficulties and live within 20 miles of the University please notify us during the application process as we may make exceptions in certain circumstances.

Returning undergraduates will be allocated on a first come, first served basis once the priority groups and those living more than 20 miles away have been accommodated.

Family Accommodation

We welcome applications from family groups and application forms are available from Accommodation Services. We are pleased to be able to offer 2 and 3 bedroom flats that are designated as family accommodation. Applications should be made directly to Accommodation Services and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

General terms and conditions

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 - a. Are care experienced
 - b. Have a medical condition that requires specific accommodation needs (supporting medical evidence will be required and possibly a pre-entry visit before an offer can be made)
 - c. Have a home address more than 20 miles away
3. There is no guarantee that you will be offered your preferred choice of accommodation. The allocations team take choices into account until such times as a property is full. If the allocations team is unable to offer accommodation in any of your chosen properties, and where there is other accommodation available, they will offer an alternative
4. Offers are made with an expiry date of 7 days. If an offer is not accepted in this time the guarantee no longer applies
5. All communication will be via your University of Stirling email account
6. Accommodation Services reserve the right not to offer accommodation to an applicant
7. Any student with a history of residential debt or who has a serious disciplinary record may not be offered accommodation
8. Groups are welcome to apply – each student must make an individual application. Please note that rooms will not be held for group members without an application.