

Residential Accommodation Allocation 2025/26

University Accommodation is provided in Guildford for a full academic year (approx. 38 weeks) for undergraduate students or a full year (approx. 50/51 weeks) for postgraduate students. Any accommodation guarantees, or priorities, only apply to students taking up accommodation, from the start of the academic year in September 2025; **Surrey must be their firm choice before being able to apply for accommodation.**

New Students

- New undergraduate students who hold the University of Surrey as their **firm choice** are guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided they have applied for accommodation by **25 July 2025**
- New undergraduate students who hold the University of Surrey as their **insurance choice** are guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided the University of Surrey is updated to their firm choice and have applied for accommodation by **17 August 2025**
- New undergraduate students who apply through Clearing who have made the University of Surrey their **firm choice** will be prioritised for accommodation provided they have applied for accommodation by **19 August 2025**
- All new undergraduate students must meet their formal academic offer by **22 August 2025** to be eligible for any guarantees or priorities.
- New students joining on an International Exchange Programme are guaranteed if they have applied by the **25 July 2025**.
- New postgraduate students starting in September 2025, including those that are progressing from an undergraduate taught programme, are guaranteed accommodation, provided the following conditions are met by **1 August 2025**:
 1. Applied for accommodation.
 2. Met the conditions of their formal academic offer.
 3. The University is in receipt of the required academic fee deposit.
- New postgraduate research students are guaranteed a place in accommodation if starting in September 2025 (above conditions apply). Starters outside of this date will be prioritised for accommodation but is subject to availability.
- Students whose application is supported by the Disability and Neuroinclusion team will be guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided they apply by their deadline Undergraduates **25 July 2025** postgraduates **1 August 2025**.
- Students starting a programme at the Surrey International Study Centre are guaranteed accommodation provided they have applied by **25 July 2025**.
- New undergraduate and postgraduate students who applied after the deadline will be allocated after the guaranteed students; this is subject to availability.

Returning Students

The following groups of returning undergraduate and postgraduate students are guaranteed for accommodation provided they apply by **2 March 2025**:

- Students progressing from a Foundation Year to an undergraduate programme.
- Students whose application is supported by the Disability and Neuroinclusion team.
- Students returning from a Professional Training Year abroad.

All other returning students can apply for accommodation but are not guaranteed.

Priorities

Once the student groups listed above have been allocated, the remaining students who applied by **2 March 2025**, will be offered any available accommodation as follows:

Priority 1: Students returning after a period of temporary withdrawal in their first year of study.

Priority 2: Students returning from Professional Training Year in the UK

Priority 3: Students returning after temporary withdrawal in their second year and above.

Priority 4: Final year undergraduate students

Priority 5: All other returning students

Conditions

- This procedure is reviewed annually and is subject to change.
- 'New' refers to students who have not previously studied at the University of Surrey, including on a Foundation course. Students who have completed a course at Surrey International Study Centre are considered as 'new students'
- Accommodation guarantees / priorities only extend to unaccompanied students applying for a single room. We are unable to guarantee the availability of accommodation for partners or families as this is very limited.
- University accommodation can be provided both on and off the University campuses, in accommodation that is owned or managed by the University or provided on the University's behalf by a third party.
- Accommodation guarantees / priorities only extend to the academic year in which the application was submitted.
- Accommodation is only confirmed after an offer is formally accepted and the advanced prepayment is received.
- Students who are not eligible for accommodation include those on a placement year, studying part-time, writing up, assessment only, resitting part of their course, absent or withdrawn, and occasional students.
- The University reserves the right not to accommodate a student based on outstanding debts or the outcome of previous disciplinary processes.