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Subject: Graduate Student Housing Updates

Dear graduate program administrators,

As you know, housing is a top concern for prospective graduate students. We are excited to share two updates with you:

- 1) The new [Exchange residence](#) (opposite the Aquatic Centre) is anticipated to be completed in summer 2019. It will add 77 one bedroom apartments on a year round housing contract. Housing has graciously established priority assignments for those apartments for graduate students and students of 25+ years of age. 1BR units are suitable for a student or student + partner.
- 2) For September 2019 we will again have access to designated rooms for graduate students in Winter Session Housing. What this means is that eligible graduate students will have priority access to a certain number of rooms set aside for graduate students exclusively. Demand will still exceed supply, and application date matters.

We would like to thank UBC Student Housing and Hospitality Services for their continued help in supporting graduate student housing needs.

We recognize that there are a lot of questions regarding eligibility, availability, and waitlists. To help you advise your prospective students we have put together some tips to pass on. In most cases, time of application for on-campus, in-residence housing will be very important, i.e. applicants need to apply early, ideally together with their program application! For family housing the advice is to apply even before applying to a program.

This very brief overview will help you direct inquiries of your admitted students listed by type and family situation (please feel free to share this section below):

Winter Session Housing (singles/couples only)

What is Winter Session Housing?

Contracts: September - April

Winter Session Housing is suitable for newly admitted single students or students coming with a partner and can provide a safe landing spot for students from outside the Lower Mainland to get to know the city and house hunt during the first 8 months of their time at UBC. Space for graduate students will be allocated in Walter Gage, Fairview, and Ponderosa Commons (Cedar House) in single rooms in shared units and self-contained units (studio/1BR).

Who is eligible for Winter Session Housing?

Priority for these rooms will be given to newly-admitted graduate students who have accepted their offer of admission, have no prior experience at UBC, and reside outside of the greater Vancouver area.

Students with a partner are also eligible to apply for Winter Session Housing for studio and one-bedroom units.

Year-Round Housing (singles, couples/families)

What is Year Round Housing?

Contracts: May – April

Year-Round Housing is a combination of single rooms in shared units and self-contained units. Once the student is offered a contract for year-round housing, they have first right of refusal to renew for as long as they remain eligible.

Options:

- Fraser Hall, Marine Drive, Ponderosa Commons (Arbutus, Maple, Spruce, Oak), Iona House, Thunderbird, Brock Commons, Exchange.
- Student Family housing (Acadia Park)

What are the eligibility requirements for Student Family Housing?

Married couples or couples in a marriage-like relationship, with or without dependent children
Single adults with one or more dependent children

What are the Graduate Colleges?

Green College and St. John's College are UBC's Graduate Colleges. These are residences reserved for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting scholars. Unlike the other housing options, a membership application is required and reviewed by a membership committee. Single residents and students with partners are eligible to apply. There is a mandatory meal plan for the Colleges. The Colleges are usually more flexible with applications as their committees meet regularly to review applications.

When will housing offers be made?

Winter Session Housing offers for 19W start in June 2019.
Year Round Housing offers for new residents start in late March.
The Colleges fill their rooms on a regular basis.

Tips for Securing On-Campus Graduate Student Housing

- In order to have the best chance of securing on-campus housing, newly admitted students who meet eligibility requirements should:
 - Submit **BOTH a Winter Session and Year-Round Housing** application. Students will only pay one application fee (\$50) if they submit both applications within a 14 day period. If the student receives an offer for Winter Session Housing, they can remain on the waitlist for Year Round Housing for May 2020 when their Winter Session contract ends.
 - Apply as soon as possible. Demand for graduate student housing exceeds availability, so there is no guarantee. The application date matters. Prospective students who are interested in Year Round Housing (including Acadia Park) can submit an application prior to applying to UBC. Hard copy applications can be downloaded from the Student Housing and Hospitality Services website (<http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca>) and submitted via email (yearround@housing.ubc.ca), fax (604-822-6935), or in person.
- Students should select only room types and residences that they are prepared to accept if they are made an offer. They should not select a room type/residence area on their Residence Application that they are not willing to accept. This applies to both Winter and Year-Round Housing applications.
- Prospective Green College and St. John's College applicants should apply for housing as soon as they receive an offer of admission from UBC. Please be sure to select the specific College as an option. The application can be submitted at any time throughout the year, and if no spots are available in the College at that time, successful applicants will be placed on a waitlist.
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Details about the winter session offer can be found in the community at <https://community.grad.ubc.ca/article/5484-dedicated-housing-new-graduate-students-winter-session-sep-2019>

Please help us ensure that your newly admitted graduate students are aware about these options.

Warm regards,
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