

Accommodation Allocation Policy 2018-19

Applications are welcome from undergraduate and postgraduate students studying on a full-time basis at all higher and further education institutions in the 2018-19 academic year.

Length of Contract - the majority of accommodation contracts are offered on a 38, 39 (international students only) or 51 week basis. A number of short-term contracts are available for Nursing students and for Erasmus/Study Abroad students who are studying at Queen's on a one semester basis.

Guarantees - The following students are guaranteed a place in University accommodation:

- i) Applications from students living outside Northern Ireland studying at Queen's University Belfast including Queen's Foundation Degrees.
- ii) Elite Athlete Programme (EAP) - A guarantee is given to any student who has been offered the EAP award.
- iii) Disabled Students - Students must apply by 1 August 2018 and register with the University's Disability Services to be eligible. Once eligible, a guarantee is given to students who, as a result of their disability, are not able to access public transport or travel to/from the University to their home address on a daily basis and may prevent them from attending University.
- iv) Care Leavers - A guarantee is given to any student who is leaving care of their local authority. Students must apply by 1 August 2018 and provide written supportive evidence from the local authority or Social Health Care to the University's Widening and Participation Department by 1 August 2018 to be eligible.
- v) Irreconcilably Estranged Students - A guarantee is given to any full-time undergraduate student who has been deemed by the relevant funding body to be irreconcilably estranged. Students must apply by 1 August 2018 and provide written supportive evidence from the local authority or Social Health Care to the University's Advice SU by 1 August 2018 to be eligible.

New Students – Entering Onto the First Year of a Course

The Accommodation Application Process - Applications can be made online from January 2018 for the 2018-19 academic year.

Students from Northern Ireland must apply by 1 August 2018 for their application to be considered in the first round of applications.

The Accommodation Allocation Process - All rooms are allocated on the basis of distance. Those living furthest away will be offered a place first.

- Students from outside of Northern Ireland will be sent an offer of a room when they make Queen's their firm choice (UF and CF).

- All other students will be allocated accommodation when they have been accepted onto a course at Queen's University Belfast, for example, status at the time of allocation must be unconditional firm (UF).
- For Northern Ireland students, allocations will commence on Friday 17 August 2018 and rooms will be offered on the basis of distance from your home postcode to Queen's University BT7 1NN.

Nursing Students

Nursing and Midwifery students are required to spend time out on placement throughout their degree course. To facilitate this, a limited number of rooms are available on a short-term rental basis (7-8 weeks). Priority for the allocation of these rooms will be given to first year students and on a distance basis.

Nursing and Midwifery students are welcome to apply for a room on a 38 or 51 week contract and will be allocated in line with the policy for all other students.

Returns - Accommodation for Undergraduate and Postgraduates Who are Not in Their First Year of Study at Queen's

The University has rooms suitable for returning students who wish to live in University managed accommodation. Applications can be made from January 2018. There is no closing date for returners; allocation will continue until all places suitable for returners have been allocated. Returning students can apply for accommodation as a group and will be allocated together to one property, if available. More information can be found by contacting the Accommodation Office.

Accommodation for Students with Partner or Family

The University has a wide range of accommodation suitable for students with a partner or with family. Due to demand for this type of accommodation, early applications are advised.

The accommodation is subject to availability at the time of booking and applications should be made directly with the Accommodation Office.