

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

Allocation Policy for Queen's University Belfast Accommodation 2019-20

Applications are welcomed from undergraduate and postgraduate students studying on a full-time basis at Queen's University Belfast (Queen's) and other higher and further education institutions in Northern Ireland in the 2019-20 academic year.

1. 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 and Midwifery students (6-8 weeks) and for Erasmus/Study Abroad/ and students who are studying at Queen's on a one semester basis.

2. GUARANTEES

The following students are guaranteed a place in accommodation. In the unlikely event that Queen's Accommodation is oversubscribed, applicants will be given an offer of accommodation from an alternative private student accommodation provider in Belfast. This will, as far as possible, be under the same terms as Queen's Accommodation.

ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE STARTING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF STUDY:

- **NI Students** - Students living within Northern Ireland, irrespective of post code or distance from the University, who are starting their first year of study at Queen's, including Queen's Foundation Degrees, who have applied by 1 July 2019.

For applications received after 1 July 2019 places cannot be guaranteed but will still be considered, subject to availability.

- **Non-NI Students** - All students living outside Northern Ireland who are starting their first year of study at Queen's, including Queen's Foundation Degrees, irrespective of application date.

PLACES GUARANTEED TO QUEEN'S STUDENTS IRRESPECTIVE OF YEAR OF STUDY:

- **Elite Athlete Programme (EAP)** - any Queen's student who has been offered the EAP award from Queen's Sport and has applied for accommodation by 1 July 2019.
- **Disabled Students** – any Queen's student 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 which may prevent them from attending University. To be eligible, students must have applied for accommodation by 1 July 2019 and have registered with Queen's Disability Services.
- **Care Leavers** - any student who is leaving care of their local authority or Health and Social Care Trust and is studying at Queen's. To be eligible, students must have applied for accommodation by 1 July 2019 and be able to provide written, supportive evidence from the local authority or Health and Social Care Trust to Queen's Widening and Participation Department.

- **Irreconcilably Estranged Students** - any undergraduate Queen's student, who has been deemed by the relevant funding body to be irreconcilably estranged. To be eligible, students must have applied for accommodation by 1 July 2019 and be able to provide evidence from their relevant funding body to, Advice SU, Queen's Students' Union. For more information about support for estranged students the Standalone website may help. Advice SU can also provide advice with regard to applying for funding as an irreconcilably estranged student.

3. **ACCOMMODATION ALLOCATION PROCESS FOR QUEEN'S STUDENTS**

Applications should be made online from January 2019 for the 2019-20 academic year. The link to apply and property information are on the Queen's Accommodation website www.qub.ac.uk/accommodation

STUDENTS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND

- **Accommodation offers for Northern Ireland students** will be sent from **16 August 2019**.
- Those students who have applied for accommodation by 1 July 2019 and accepted their place at Queen's will be allocated first. If their preference types are oversubscribed they will be offered alternative available options.
- Applications received after 1 July 2019, including those entering via clearing, will be allocated once they have accepted their place at Queen's, in order of application date and subject to availability.

STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE NORTHERN IRELAND

- All students (including students entering through clearing) are guaranteed a place and will be allocated a room once they have accepted their place at Queen's. If their preference types are oversubscribed they will be offered alternative available options. Accommodation offers will be sent from **16 August 2019**.

OTHER

- **Students** holding an unconditional offer at Queen's (UF), have applied by 1 July 2019 and have accepted their place to study, will be allocated in order of application date. If their preference types are oversubscribed they will be offered alternative available options. Accommodation offers for UF students will be sent from **2 July 2019**.
- **Returning Students (students who have completed their first year of study)**
The University has a number of rooms designated specifically for returning students. Students can apply individually or as a group. Group applications will be allocated together to one property or apartment. Applications for these places can be made from January 2019 and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, by date of application, until all places have been allocated.
- **Nursing Students**
To support Nursing and Midwifery students who are required to spend time on placement throughout their degree course, a limited number of places are available on a short-term rental basis (6-8 weeks) as well as a 38, 39 or 51 week contract basis. The short-term places for 6-8 week contracts will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, by date of application. All other contracts will be allocated in line with the procedures outlined above.

4. **ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS WITH PARTNER OR FAMILIES**

Queen's welcomes students with a partner or with families. Applications should be made online from January 2019 for the 2019-20 academic year. The link to apply and information are available on the Queen's Accommodation website www.qub.ac.uk/accommodation

5. STUDENTS STUDYING AT ALL OTHER FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Queen's welcomes applications from students studying at all other further and higher education institutions. In 2018-19, there are a number of students living in various locations in Queen's Accommodation from Ulster University, Stranmillis University College, St Mary's University College and Belfast Metropolitan College.

- **Application Process**

To apply for a place in Queen's Accommodation please apply online via <https://www.qub.ac.uk/accommodation/>

- **Allocation Process**

Following allocation of all Queen's students who have applied by 1 July 2019, all students from other further and higher education institutions will be allocated irrespective of post code or distance from Queen's in order of the date on their application until all places are filled. Allocations for all non-Queen's students will commence by **23 August 2019**.