Cornell University does not endorse or investigate these resources and encourages students to check thoroughly before paying for any service. We generally discourage the use of Airbnb for housing, due to high rental rates. There are some cases in which it might be a more cost-effective choice, but it is generally in suburban or rural areas and for a short duration of time.

See also: Career Development Toolkit Pages on How do I develop a budget? and How do I prepare to relocate?

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HOUSING
Finding housing can be a stressful part of planning your summer experience, but it doesn't have to be! The below list, while not comprehensive, gives a good starting point for exploring temporary housing opportunities in various cities across the United States.

If you are considering a summer experience in a city not represented in this list, consider contacting universities in that local area, as many open their residence halls (dorms) to visiting students.
A few things to consider as you begin your housing search:

- What are the up-front costs?
  - You may need to pay a registration fee, deposit or first month/last month rent when signing the lease - make sure you plan ahead and know what you need.
- Are utilities included? Internet?
- Are meals included? *(some on-campus housing has the option of, or even requires, meal plans)*
- Is it close to local transportation?
- Are there any amenities? *(Laundry on site, parking, gym, etc.)*
- How safe is the area?
  - What security measures exist on the property? *(you can use Area Vibes or other online tools to help answer this question)*
- Is the space furnished? Is there a kitchen/ cooking capability?
- Who provides maintenance?

Nationwide Housing Search Engines

- [Apartment List](#) - Aggregated apartment listings from hundreds of sources across the country.
- [Airbnb](#)
- [Craig’s List](#) - Contains housing listings for various cities throughout the US.
- [Sublet.com](#) - Apartment rentals, sublets, houses, and rooms for rent in major US cities.
- [Zumper](#) - Map-based search for home & apartment rentals with real-time updates. Also available on iOS & Android
- [Trulia](#) - Search rooms & apartments for rent by location.
- [Studenthousing.com](#) - Search rooms and apartments designed to support needs of student interns.
- [Studentrent.com](#) - Students created site to ease the process by providing a place for students to easily browse housing options and for property managers to post their current vacancies.
- [Facebook Marketplace](#) – a source for sublets and rentals *(Also look at Facebook and search for Sublet groups- you’ll often find a group where students are sharing open spaces/ seeking roommates)*
- [Nerd Wallet Cost of Living](#) – a source for researching cost of living options as a jumping off point.

**TRANSPORTATION**

- If you are travelling to a new city for the summer, it is a good idea to think about transportation options.
- While some students choose to bring a car, public transportation is often the easiest and least expensive option- especially in larger cities where parking can be pricey.
- Common forms of public transportation include bus systems and trains *(metro, etc.)* while other forms include bike share programs and city-specific programs.
- Transportation varies greatly by city.
ITHACA, NY

Staying in town? - Ithaca, NY Housing

- Facebook (Facebook Marketplace or Facebook Groups- (i.e., “Cornell University Housing, Sublets, & Roommates” or “Cornell University & Ithaca College Apartment and Roommate Finder”)
- Cornell Summer Housing

Staying in Town? – Ithaca, N Transportation

- Transportation Options
- TCAT- TCAT is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to get around – especially if you live right in town.
- Registered Cornell students receive unlimited rides on all TCAT buses after 6 p.m. weekdays, and anytime Saturday and Sunday. Students pay no fare when using their CU ID card at the fare box. **Please note: Students must remain registered for their privileges to remain active.

ATLANTA, GA

Atlanta, GA Housing

- Emory University Summer Student Housing
- Georgia Tech Student Housing
- Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA Transportation

- Getting around Guide
- MARTA- Atlanta’s rapid transit rail system.
- Never taken public transportation before? How to Ride Tips
- Planning your route- Stations & Schedules

BOSTON, MA

Boston, MA Housing

- Boston College Summer Housing
- Boston University Summer Housing
- Emmanuel College
- Suffolk University Summer Housing
- Northeastern University
- Tufts Summer Intern Housing
- UMass Boston

Boston, MA Transportation

- Getting Around Guide
- Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
- Not sure where you want to go? Check out the MBTA Guide to Getting Around
- MBTA User Guides

BUFFALO, NY

Buffalo, NY Housing
- University of Buffalo (SUNY)

Buffalo, NY Transportation
- Buffalo/Niagara Transportation Helpful Information
- Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA)

CHARLOTTE, NC

Charlotte, NC Housing
- Queens University of Charlotte
- UNC Charlotte Summer Student Housing

Charlotte, NC Transportation
- Guide to Getting Around Charlotte
- Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)
- CATS Bus Routes and More

CHICAGO, IL

Chicago, IL Housing
- School of Art Institute of Chicago
- The Buckingham Chicago
- University of Illinois – Chicago
- Loyola University – Chicago

Chicago, IL Transportation
- Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
- CTA How to Guide
- CTA Fare Breakdown and Information

LOS ANGELES, CA

Los Angeles, CA Housing
- Loyola Marymount University
- UCLA Summer & Community Housing
- USC Summer Housing
- LA Intern and Student Housing
Los Angeles, CA Transportation
- Guide to LA Public Transit
- LA Metro Riding Guide
- LA Metro Trip Planner

MIAMI, FL

Miami, FL Housing
- University of Miami Summer Intern Housing

Miami, FL Transportation
- Getting Around in Miami
- Finding Your Way Around Miami
- Getting Around Miami Beach
- Downtown Miami

NEW YORK CITY

New York City, NY Housing
- Barnard Summer Housing
- Columbia University
- CUNY, Brooklyn College
- CUNY, College of Staten Island, Dolphin Cove
- CUNY, Queens College Housing
- CUNY, Queens College, Summit Apartments
- CUNY, Hunter College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Kopling House
- Manhattan College Summer Housing
- NYC Intern Student Housing
- NYU Law School Summer Housing
- Summer Housing in New York City (Educational Housing Services)
- Summer Student Housing at the New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan
- The New School
- Webster Apartments (Women Only)
- 92NY150 Residence

New York City, NY Transportation
- Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) – Bus & Subway
- Metro Card Fares
- General Information About Metro Card Fares in New York City
- Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) – Manhattan to NJ
- Long Island Rail Road and Metro North (LIRR)
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Philadelphia, PA Housing
- Villanova University Summer Housing
- University of Pennsylvania Summer Housing
- Drexel University Summer Housing Opportunities

Philadelphia, PA Transportation
- Guide to Getting Around Philadelphia
- Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco/Berkeley Housing
- California College of the Arts Summer Intern Housing
- San Jose State University Intern Housing
- UC Berkeley Summer Housing
- Stanford Summer Housing

San Francisco/Berkeley Transportation
- Getting Around San Francisco sponsored by Visit California
- Transportation Basics in San Francisco
- San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency SMFTA Guide to Getting Around
- SMFTA Fares and Helpful Info
- Local Guide to Getting Around San Francisco

WASHINGTON, DC

Washington, DC Housing
- American University Intern Summer Housing
- Catholic University of America Summer Student Housing
- George Mason University Intern Housing
- Georgetown University Summer Intern Housing
- George Washington University Summer Housing Opportunities
- International Student House of Washington DC
- Washington Intern Housing Network
- Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH)

Washington, DC Transportation
- Getting Around Washington, DC
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- WMATA Trip Planner
- Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
- Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC)
- MARC Fares & Schedules