

Internship Housing Guide

The following resources have been compiled to help you search for housing for your summer internship/experiences. Please note, **Claremont McKenna College does not endorse any housing listed below and does not guarantee the service or quality of service offered.**

General Housing Resources

Things to think about when looking for housing

- Proximity to/from work and location near Metro/Bus stop
- Parking needed/available
- Maximum occupancy per room
- A short-term lease or sublet
- Security
- Furnished or unfurnished
- Convenience to services important to you; grocery stores, laundromats, metro/bus
- Maintenance within living area
- Suggestion: see photos BEFORE paying deposit or full rent

Subletting - Subletting is when you rent a home or apartment from someone else who is *already* renting the property. Subletting can be convenient for both tenants seeking short-term digs (aka interns looking for 3 months of housing), as well as those who must vacate their apartment (temporarily or permanently) before their lease is up, however, you need to be careful before entering into a sublease.

When you are subletting, you are usually dealing with the tenant rather than an official landlord so you want to protect yourself from being scammed. There are many Facebook groups and housing database websites where people seeking housing can post what they're looking for and get in touch with owners and agents. People will also post apartments that are available to sublet, so it's important to always check back to see if anything new is posted. However, not all Facebook groups and sites are legit. Look for groups with many members and posts that are created by real profiles, not fake accounts. Beware of potential scams. If it seems "too good to be true", it probably is!

Airbnb - Airbnb is an online marketplace that connects people who want to rent out their homes with people who are looking for accommodations in that locale. Some long-term Airbnbs can sometimes go by monthly rates. You'll find a range of prices depending on the neighborhood and size. You also probably won't have to pay any of the bills directly — just a cleaning fee — which may make it more hassle-free than subletting. Make sure to look for hosts with reviews and beware of Airbnbs that have no reviews or no trust score. We do not recommend that you are the first guest that an Airbnb host houses.

Here are a few things you can do to make sure an Airbnb listing is real:

- 1) Look at the reviews and make sure they seem to talk about the same place you are booking
- 2) If the listing says anything about contacting the host outside of Airbnb before booking, DO NOT - this is a well-known scam.
- 3) Look at the listing – Similar to what we said above if it seems "too good to be true" (aka luxurious penthouse for a super low rate) it probably is!

Housing Scams (adapted from Craigslist scams page)

- Deal locally, face-to-face—follow this one rule and avoid 99% of scam attempts.
- Do not provide payment to anyone you have not met in person.
- Beware offers involving shipping - deal with locals you can meet in person.
- Never wire funds (e.g. Western Union) - anyone who asks you to is a scammer.
- Don't accept cashier/certified checks or money orders - banks cash fakes, then hold you responsible.
- Transactions are between users only, no third party provides a "guarantee".
- Never give out financial info (bank account, social security, paypal account, etc).
- Do not rent or purchase sight-unseen—that amazing "deal" may not exist.
- Refuse background/credit checks until you have met landlord/employer in person.
- "craigslist voicemails" - Any message asking you to access or check "craigslist voicemails" or "craigslist voice messages" is fraudulent - no such service exists.
- For more information on how to avoid scams, please visit the following websites
 - [Craigslist Scams](#)
 - [8 Red Flags to Help You Spot a Rental Scam](#)
 - [Keys to Avoiding Home Rental Scams](#)

Craigslist – The most scams that CMC students experience regarding housing come from issues with Craigslist. **We HIGHLY encourage students to avoid Craigslist** if at all possible but if you do, please abide by the tips in the section above.

National Listings – The following sources can be used to access a variety of housing listings nationally. This list is not exhaustive and is only intended to provide you a starting point in your search. Please evaluate your housing options carefully as not all may be suitable for students

- [Universal Student Housing](#) - Provides homestays or apartments that suit the needs of both students and busy professionals.
- [Apartment List](#) - Aggregated apartment listings from hundreds of sources across the country
- [Roomorama.com](#) - Offering over 3,500 properties across 9 major cities in the US for short term rent
- [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.
- [Campusrent.com](#) - Rentals for college students. CampusRent is a college apartment, housing locator service for students. Find off campus housing near your school.
- [Housing Anywhere](#) - A global online booking platform for accommodation
- [Interim Housing Solutions](#)

New York City

College or University Affiliated Accommodations

The following locations offer short-term housing options for interns and students in New York City in dormitories and other shared living arrangements. These accommodations are generally very popular and competitive. We recommend reaching out immediately once you know where you're going to be for the summer.

[Columbia University Summer Housing](#)

[The New School Summer Housing](#)

[NYU Summer Housing](#)

[Hunter College](#)

[St. John's University](#)

[Queens College](#)

[Manhattan College](#)

And more! Do a search of other smaller colleges or universities and contact them directly about summer housing for interns. Even if a college does not have on-campus housing for summer interns, they may have a site where students sublet their apartments for the summer. Many students leave the city for the summer meaning their apartments may be available to sublease.

Third Party Options

[EHS: Educational Housing Services](#) - A top housing resource for NYC interns offering 7 residences throughout Manhattan & Brooklyn. Various locations in NYC, prices and accommodations vary

[SVA Summer Housing](#) - School of Visual Arts offers summer housing for students and interns looking to spend the summer in NYC!

[NYC Interns](#) - Apartment housing in prime Manhattan location. Fall, Spring & Summer terms available. Provided through King's College NY.

[Student Housing Works](#) - Student Housing Works is a housing provider for students, interns and professionals.

[PinkDorms.com](#) - Pink Dorms provides accommodations for female students, interns, recent grads, and extended stay travelers visiting New York City for at least 30 days.

[StudentHousingAssociates.com](#) - Student Housing Associates was established to assist students in finding short term, furnished accommodations in New York City.

[The Webster](#) - The Webster Apartments is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a focus on fostering the success of professional women in New York City by addressing one of their biggest practical challenges – living accommodations.

[Student Rental NYC](#)

New York Housing Facebook Groups

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/RentalsInNewYork/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1225966920763001/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2050201058584087/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewYorkCity.Housing.RoomsApartments.Sublets/>

Washington DC

College or University Affiliated Accommodations

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- [George Mason University](#)
- [George Washington University](#)
- [American University](#)
- [International Student House](#)
- [Georgetown University Summer Housing](#)
- [Georgetown University Law Summer Housing](#)
- [Catholic University of America](#)
- [Gallaudet University](#)
- [Howard University](#)

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- [International Student House of Washington DC](#) - Dormitory-style housing
- [The Washington Intern Housing Network](#) - Fully furnished intern housing. Free to apply.
- [Cities Housing Solutions](#) - Fully furnished intern housing. Free to apply.
- [Washington Intern Student Housing \(WISH\)](#) - Shared housing; fully furnished, linens, household supplies, all utilities included; in various convenient locations in DC
- [Thompson-Markward Hall](#) - TMH is a temporary residence hall for women ages 18-34.
- [Washington Post Rentals](#) - This search tool will help you find DC condos for rent, lofts for rent, and other rental properties.
- [Turnkey Apartments DC](#)
- [Blueground Apartments DC](#)

Washington DC Housing Facebook Groups

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1468086266815937/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/741131989604553/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2239615779389304/>

DC Neighborhoods

- [Downtown](#), located between the Capitol and White House north of Pennsylvania Avenue, Downtown is a newly revitalized district with the Convention and MCI Centers, theaters, restaurants, hotels, and stores
- [Dupont Circle](#) is a vibrant neighborhood adjacent to downtown and is home to many shops, restaurants and private art galleries
- [Georgetown](#), located west of Dupont Circle, is a famous historic district, partly residential and partly commercial, home to Georgetown University and hugely popular nightlife, restaurants, and shopping
- [Adams-Morgan](#), is northeast of Dupont Circle up 18th Street and is famous for its eclectic nightlife and its wide array of ethnic eateries
- [Kalorama](#), located northwest of Dupont Circle along Massachusetts Avenue's embassy row (Washington's ambassadorial quarter) is full of beautiful mansions and handsome town houses
- [Foggy Bottom](#), south of Dupont Circle, is home to George Washington University, the Kennedy Center, and many international organizations, including the World Bank and the State Department
- [Cleveland Park](#) and [Woodley Park](#) comprise the Connecticut Avenue corridor, which is home to many shops and restaurants. The [National Zoo](#) and [Washington National Cathedral](#) are found in these neighborhoods
- [Alexandria, Virginia](#), with its beautiful water-front Old Town, is a historically preserved district with tons of shopping and nightlife, easily accessible by the metro

San Francisco/Bay Area

[How to find temporary housing in San Francisco](#)

College or University Affiliated Accommodations

The following locations offer short-term housing options for interns and students in the Bay Area in dormitories and other shared living arrangements. These accommodations are generally very popular and competitive. We recommend reaching out immediately once you know where you're going to be for the summer.

[San Francisco State Summer Housing](#)

[San Jose State Intern Housing](#)

[California College of the Arts](#)

[Cal State East Bay](#)

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San Francisco Housing Facebook Groups

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sfhousing/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/843764532374203/>

Los Angeles

UCLA Summer Housing - <http://summer-hostel.hhs.ucla.edu/>

Loyola Marymount University - <https://admin.lmu.edu/conferences/intern/>

USC - <https://housing.usc.edu/index.php/summer-guest-housing/>