

residence update



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 Monday through Friday

Residence Re-application Information

The Fall 2016 application process for students currently in residence ends at 11:59pm on Monday January 25. To be eligible to choose a particular room location online later, or to be part of a group applying for a townhouse, your individual application and \$100 application fee must be submitted by that deadline.

Residence Scholarships

Student Housing is offering three \$500 scholarships to on-campus residents who return to residence for the 2016/17 year, as well as two additional \$500 scholarships available to residents who successfully obtain a Residence Life Staff position. Successful candidates must have demonstrated financial need and a minimum 70% average.

Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2016.**

Please see the following link for further details:

<http://housing.uoguelph.ca/current-residents/residence-scholarships>



Emergency Contact Information

On your residence application you were requested to supply an Emergency Contact. Please note that your Emergency Contact must be at least 18 years old and be able to make health decisions for you. By providing us with this Emergency Contact, you authorize the University of Guelph to communicate with your Emergency Contact in the event of an emergency, as determined by the University in its sole discretion. If you have any questions or would like to make changes to your emergency contact, please contact our office at:

housing@uoguelph.ca.

To view your current information please go to <https://www.housing.uoguelph.ca/myhousing/>

Reminder to Lock Residence Room Doors -- Residence Key & Equipment Fees

This is a reminder to all students to lock your residence room door when you leave your room and take your keys with you. Reduce the opportunity for crime.

As per the **Residence Community Living Standards**: At any point in the school year, students may sign out their spare room key three (3) times per semester without penalty. Each subsequent occasion will incur a \$5.00 fee that will be billed to your student account.

* Late Return fees for Keys and Equipment = \$20.00

* Spare Keys and Equipment can be signed out from your Residence Desk for a maximum of 3 hours.

Restricted Areas in Residence

Please be reminded that students are prohibited from being in any restricted area. These include but are not limited to the following:

- The roof of any residence (except in emergencies)
- Restricted balconies
- Window ledges
- Tunnels
- Attics
- Storage rooms, and
- Residence desks

Students who are found in any restricted area could be evicted from residence.

Guest Registration Made Easy

Planning to have a guest come and visit? Speed up the process by pre-registering them online. Simply visit your myhousing account, fill out the form, and submit it! Why wait in line when you can do it online!

Cold Weather Precautions

When it is cold outside, it is important to remember to keep your window(s) closed, in order to avoid frozen and broken pipes. Please keep in mind that if a pipe bursts because you left a window open, you may be held responsible for the repair costs and damages caused by the flooding.

The direct link to information about residence heating is: <http://housing.uoguelph.ca/content/residence-heating>

If you have any further questions please call the Facilities Services office at ext.58702, or e-mail shsfacil@uoguelph.ca.

Campus Ambassadors

We want you!

Are you an enthusiastic student who loves Guelph? **Become a U of G Ambassador!**



Help introduce the University of Guelph to prospective students! Give campus tours (2nd year and up) or show your residence room (1st year).

Apply at: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/admissions/ambassadors>

Application deadline: **February 5, 2016**

E-mail: ambasad@registrar.uoguelph.ca

Bounce Back

Are you a first year student with an average below 60%? If so, register today for the **Bounce Back** program offered by the Centre for New Students at guelphbounceback.ca. We know that your first year of university is a time of transition and that can mean lots of changes. Sometimes these changes can really affect your first year experience, your academic success, and your confidence. Academic success is about more than how hard you work.

You may be wondering what Bounce Back can help you with:

- Figuring out what success means to you and then mapping out how to start working towards those goals can be overwhelming – Bounce Back can help you with that.
- For some students just having someone to connect with who remembers what it was like to be in first year and who you can confide in can make all the difference – Bounce Back can help you with that.
- For other students developing a few key skills, like how to manage your time, how to balance your academic and social life or how to prioritize your workload, can make all the difference – Bounce Back can help you with that.
- And still other students are simply looking for help to find what amazing campus resources are available to make your university experience all that it can be – Bounce Back can help you with that too.

So, if you're looking to make the most of your Gryphon experience, get one-on-one support/guidance from an upper year student, and get a fresh start, then join Bounce Back today! To register online check out guelphbounceback.ca. You'll be registered with an upper-year student

within 48 hours to help you start off your semester on the right foot.

Still not sure if you want to register? Drop into the Centre for New Students on the 3rd floor University Centre, Student Life desk, anytime from Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm to speak with a staff member to learn more about how Bounce Back might be a good fit for you. We're happy to help.



Need Assistance After Hours?

Hello Residence Students! Looking to find out how to place a work order or register a guest? Want to discuss a roommate issue? Just feeling stressed out? Consider connecting with a Virtual RA!

Your Residence Life team is excited to offer our new, Virtual RA service, as we look for more ways to connect with students in our communities. The Virtual RA is normally available during the evenings, from 8-11 pm and is intended to provide you with another way to connect with Residence Life Staff.

To access this service, head to the new Residence Life website (<http://reslife.uoguelph.ca>) and click on the Virtual RA banner ad or Virtual RA link on the left-hand side!

Hope to chat with you soon!