

Applying to Residence: Fall 2023 New Student Applicants

Nick and Ashley describe the process for applying to residence.

[Upbeat background music plays. Images of students walking on campus and talking.
Text on screen reads: UG Student Housing. Applying to Residence, Fall 2023]

[Two students, both wearing University of Guelph hoodies, sitting in front of a white screen]

Nick and Ashley: Congratulations!

Ashley: Welcome to Student Housing at the University of Guelph. We're so excited to have you in residence this fall. My name is Ashley, and I live in Lambton Hall in a double room.

Nick: My name's Nick, I live in East Residence in a 12-person suite. We know the residence application process may seem daunting, but we're here to make it easy.

Ashley: If you're coming to the University of Guelph from High School, be sure to apply and pay the \$750 deposit by June 1st for residence priority. You can find all the other details on our website.

[Text on screen reads: June 1, 2023.]

Nick: Let's get started!

[Video switches to show screen recording of the Student Housing website and residence application.]

Ashley: The first thing you want to do is go online and visit housing.uoguelph.ca/apply. From there, read through the instructions, explore our application guide, and go into the Housing Portal.

Nick: How do I log in if I'm a new student?

Ashley: In your acceptance email to the University of Guelph, you can find your student ID number to log in using the "new student login" option. If you already have a central login from the University, you can also choose this option.

Nick: As a new student, you will need to provide your student number, last name, and date of birth.

Ashley: Once you're signed in, click "Residence Application," find "Academic Year 2023-2024," and click "Apply." Once you've read through the details, scroll down, and click "Start Application."

Nick: So I just go ahead and fill in my personal information here?

Ashley: Absolutely! The University will auto-fill the information they already have to make it easier for you. If something is not correct, like your home address, you will have to change it through the Office of Registrarial Services and it will update on your Housing application.

Nick: If you have information to share related to your gender identity, please indicate so here.

Ashley: Once you've filled in this part of the application, next it's time to rank your residence room and building preferences.

Nick: How do I know which residence to pick?

Ashley: Student Housing has a variety of building and room types to match your specific needs. Visit our website and watch our Instagram highlights where you can see tours and descriptions of each residence building.

Nick: You must rank at least two and up to six location and room preferences in your application. We use a lottery room to complete room assignments so it's a good idea to include variety in your preferences.

Ashley: Don't forget to explore the options for Living Learning Communities and Academic Clusters. This part depends on what you want out of your University of Guelph residence experience.

Nick: What if having a single room is more important to me than what building I have?

Ashley: On the next page you'll be able to rank the features of your housing that are most important to you. You must select at least two preferences for building location, room type, or residence learning community. These preferences will be used in the case where your preferences on the previous page are no longer available.

Nick: After adding your preferences, there are additional questions related to your room assignment that must be completed. First, let us know if you are willing to be assigned in a suite or unit with a service animal.

Ashley: If you require a specific type of room assignment to meet medical or academic needs, you must indicate that you require an accessibility accommodation. To do so, indicate "Yes" in this application, then follow the link to open a separate form. The Accessibility Accommodation Form requires attestation from a professional and must be completed by June 1st. You can also find the form under "Housing Forms" in the menu bar.

Nick: Finally, if you're planning to stay in residence over the winter holiday break, please indicate so here.

Ashley: What about my meal plan?

Nick: On the next page, you'll be able to indicate the size of meal plan you'd like. Meal plans are required in all traditional residences that do not have access to a kitchen. Read through the options and choose the size that works best for you.

Ashley: If you do not select a meal plan, and are assigned where it is required, your preference will default to the "Full" size.

Nick: Once selected, click "Save and Continue" to review the housing contract. Follow the link and read carefully. Verify that it's been read by entering your student ID and then proceed to the next page.

Ashley: What if I get a roommate, I'm nervous about living with someone I've never met before. What if we're not compatible? Does Student Housing assign roommates randomly?

Nick: Well, on the next page Student Housing asks you a few questions to give the Residence Admissions team an idea of your lifestyle and preferences to pair you with like-minded roommates.

Ashley: What about adding a roommate I already have in mind? Is that an option?

Nick: Absolutely! If you know someone who you'd like to live with in the fall, you'll be able to add them to your application after the June 1st deadline. Once Student Housing verifies your offer of residence, you'll be invited by email to add up to five roommates or suitemates to your application.

Ashley: Talk to your potential roommate now and make sure you select the same preferences for room types and locations. That makes it easier for us to assign you together. You will also need to both need to request each other to be considered a match, so keep watching your inbox for instructions at the start of June!

Nick: The last step to complete your residence application is a \$750 deposit, which must be sent by June 1st. Students with a Canadian bank account should pay using online banking, while international students must use a credit card. Select the option that's right for you and follow the prompts.

Ashley: It can take several days or up to a week to process your deposit, but don't worry! Just know that we require you to have sent your deposit and submitted the online application for it to be considered complete. You must do both to meet the residence priority deadline.

Nick: And that's the whole process! If you have any questions don't hesitate to email housing@uoguelph.ca or talk with us using the "Live Chat" box in the corner of our website.

[Text on screen reads: housing@uoguelph.ca, housing.uoguelph.ca]

Ashley: Be sure to keep monitoring your U of G email in the coming months as we send lots of important information on how to get ready for residence.

Nick and Ashley: Go Gryphons!

[Black screen with with “University of Guelph, Improve Life” logo appears.]