

# Applying for Residence: Fall 2022 New Student Applicants

*Virtual Residence Ambassadors Grace and Avery describe the process for applying to residence.*

[Upbeat background music plays. Images of students walking on campus and talking. Text on screen reads: APPLYING FOR RESIDENCE. STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES. UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH.]

[Two students sitting at a table in the Lambton Hall Fireplace Lounge. A laptop and cup of iced coffee is on the table.]

**Grace:** Congratulations! Welcome to Student Housing Services at the University of Guelph. We're excited to have you join us in residence in the fall. My name is Grace, and I live in Addington in a single room.

**Avery:** My name is Avery, I live in Johnston Hall in a double room along with my roommate. Now I remember when I was applying to residence, this whole process seemed very daunting and that's ok, we're here to walk you through it today.

**Grace:** If you're coming to the University of Guelph from High School, be sure to apply before the deadline of June 1st in order to receive our residence priority. The rest of the details are on the website.

[Text on screen reads: JUNE 1, 2022.]

**Avery:** So let's get started!

[Video of a zoom into the computer screen, switches to show screen recording with residence application.]

**Grace:** The first thing you want to do is visit the [housing.uoguelph.ca/apply](https://housing.uoguelph.ca/apply) website. From there read through the instructions and then go into the housing portal.

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

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

**Avery:** Once you're signed in, scroll down, click "start application".

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

**Avery:** Yep, it's as easy as that! 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 they will update your Housing application. Once you've filled in this part, next it's time to rank your residence room and building preferences.

**Grace:** How do I know which residence to pick?

**Avery:** If you aren't sure which residence you'd be suited for, check out the Student Housing's Website or [housing.uoguelph.ca/tours](http://housing.uoguelph.ca/tours) where you can see tours and descriptions of each residence building! You can rank up to four housing options as your favourites. First, pick your location. Your options are north, south, or east residences. After, select your style of residence room preference, either a single room, double room, or a room with multiple roommates.

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

**Avery:** What if having a single room is more important to me than what building I'm placed in?

**Grace:** On the next page you'll be able to rank the features of your housing that are most important to you.

**Avery:** And is a meal plan included?

**Grace:** You can find the meal plan options right after choosing your residence preferences. Based on how often you'll be eating on campus. For example, people with lighter appetites and students who will be away most weekends might choose the minimum plan. Someone who eats 3 full meals a day and will be there all weekends might go for the plus and varsity plan. The most popular plan is the Full. You can also choose to add a textbook plan that puts aside some money to pay for textbooks from the university bookstore.

**Avery:** If you require an accommodation to meet medical or academic needs, visit the link below for more information.

[Text on screen reads: [housing.uoguelph.ca/specialaccommodation](http://housing.uoguelph.ca/specialaccommodation)]

**Grace:** What happens if I get a roommate, I'm nervous about living with someone I've never met before. I'm worried about maybe not being compatible with them. Does Student Housing Services just randomly assign roommates?

**Avery:** Well, the University of Guelph, has a short survey for you to take which will give the Residence Admissions Team an idea of your lifestyle and preferences to pair you with like-minded roommates. For example, I didn't know my roommate going into the fall semester. Not only are we compatible roommates with our lifestyle and study habits, but we became really great friends, especially during orientation week when you're getting to know everyone on campus. I really couldn't have asked for a better match.

**Grace:** What about adding a roommate I already have in mind?

**Avery:** Yes! 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 1 deadline. Once Student Housing verifies your application and deposit, you'll be invited by email to add up to 3 roommates or suitemates to your application.

**Grace:** Talk to your potential roommates 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 request each other to be considered a match, so keep watching your inbox at the start of June!

**Avery:** The last step to complete your residence application is a \$750 deposit, which is required by June 1st and can be paid through several different options. Check them all out on our website to see what works best for you!

**Grace:** 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 completed the online application for it to be considered complete. You must do both to meet the housing priority deadline.

**Avery:** And that's the whole process! If you have any questions at all don't hesitate to reach out and email [housing@uoguelph.ca](mailto:housing@uoguelph.ca) or talk with us on the "Live Chat" box in the corner of our website, they're open Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30.

[Text on screen reads: [housing.uoguelph.ca](http://housing.uoguelph.ca).]

**Grace:** We can't wait to have you on campus with us next year!

**Grace and Avery:** Go Gryphons!

[Images of campus and the Gryphon Statue. Text with "University of Guelph, Improve Life" logo appears.]