Living in Pittsburgh
Quick Facts

- Known as the “Steel City” and “City of Bridges”
- Pittsburgh has been named the “most livable city” seven times since 2000 by The Economist, Forbes and Places Rated Almanac; #30 in the world
- 90 distinct neighborhoods to explore
Things to Do

• Sports – NFL, NHL, MLB, AFL, USL, golf, college basketball
• Cultural – Theater, musicals, concerts, plays, ballet, orchestra, symphony, CMU Drama
• Museums – Andy Warhol, Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural Science, Carnegie Science Center, Phipps Conservatory, Mattress Factory
• Outdoors – Great parks in the city, all 4 seasons, skiing in the winter, boating on the rivers, etc.
CMU Housing Resources

Graduate Student Housing – on-campus housing information

Off-Campus Housing Listings – listing of apartments posted by area landlords

Rental and Moving Information – provides information on off-campus housing listings, moving checklists, utility (water, electric, etc.) information, short-term housing
Additional Resources

• CEE Graduate Student Facebook Group
• Craigslist - www.craigslist.org
• Student groups/organizations
  – e.g. Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)
    • Airport pick-up, housing information, flea market etc.
    • http://cmucssa.net/bbs/
Selecting an Apartment

• Consider the following factors:
  – Cost and size
  – Roommates vs living alone
  – Transportation (proximity to campus, CMU shuttle system or Port Authority bus stops, bike lanes)
  – Proximity to grocery stores, fellow students, restaurants
  – Additional costs (parking, utilities, internet, etc.)
  – Furnished vs. Unfurnished
FAQs

• Leases typically start in July/August due to a large student population
• Pittsburgh’s cost of living is lower than comparable cities
• Students tend to live in the following neighborhoods: Squirrel Hill, Shadyside, Oakland, Greenfield, Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Friendship, Point Breeze, Regent Square
Location of CEE students
Neighborhoods

Best places for CMU students
High: 113
Low: 23

Carnegie Mellon University
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Location of CEE students
Street Map View
Getting around

• Bus
• CMU Shuttle (during the day)
• Bike/Walk
• CMU Escort Service (6:30pm to 6am)