

Information for Prospective First-Year Students and Families

The on-campus residential experience for first-year students is a hallmark of being a Carnegie Mellon student. While the pandemic altered this experience over the past year, CMU is adopting an optimistic [planning posture for the next academic year](#), grounded in the expansion of vaccine access and the emergence of public health guidance relevant to campus life.

In keeping with this posture, CMU Housing Services and Residential Education are eager to welcome you to campus this fall for a safe, robust and meaningful in-person residential experience. The hope is that the on-campus residential experience for the 2021-2022 academic year will look much more like pre-pandemic times, providing opportunities, services and programs that facilitate meaningful in-person social connections.

Fall 2021 Housing Plans

CMU's plan for the fall semester is predicated on assumptions driving the university's planning related to the mitigation of the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Presuming that US-based vaccines are plentiful in supply and fully approved for regular use by the FDA, it's likely that all residential students will be required to be vaccinated (or, alternatively, have obtained an accommodation based on medical or religious grounds) by the start of the fall semester. This expectation, in concert with supporting measures, will position Housing Services and Residential Education to relax and adjust some of the residential mitigation strategies employed this past year. More details can be found on the [Fall 2021 Housing Plans website](#).

First-Year Housing Application

The [First-Year Housing Application](#) will open on April 19, 2021. All incoming first-year students are required to live on-campus for their first year at Carnegie Mellon. The CMU residential experience will help students learn more about themselves through intentional experiences, connections and community. As the application process approaches, students and families can begin to explore [first-year housing options](#) now.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- **April 19, 2021** – First-Year Housing Application becomes available to all first-years who have accepted their admission, paid their admissions deposit, and set up their Andrew ID.
- **May 31, 2021** – Deadline to submit a completed housing application (all applications received by this date receive equal consideration).
- **June 1, 2021** – First-Year housing assignments begin.
- **By July 1, 2021** – Housing assignments are released to all incoming first-year students.
- **August 21, 2021** – Anticipated First-Year Move-In day!

For questions about on-campus housing for the 2021-2022 academic year, please contact Housing Services at 412-268-2139 or rmassign@andrew.cmu.edu.