Welcome & Congrats!

On behalf of teams across the Division of Student Life, congratulations on your acceptance to MIT! Each of our residence halls have their own unique community, and choosing where to live is one of the most exciting decisions students will make during their time on campus! We’re excited to share information about the first-year housing process at the Institute!

Explore the Houses

Explore our residential communities with the Guide to Residences website, mitguidetoresidences.mit.edu. The website is home to Interactive Introductions to the Institute (known as ‘i3’ videos) which are developed by current residents to showcase their unique residential community.

Key Resources

First-Year Housing Info
studentlife.mit.edu/first-year

Campus Dining
studentlife.mit.edu/dining

Student Support & Wellbeing
doingwell.mit.edu

Office of the First Year
firstyear.mit.edu

At a Glance

- 11 total undergraduate houses
- 8 semesters of consecutive on-campus housing are guaranteed
- 6 houses with in-house dining
- 100% of first-year undergraduates live on campus
**FIRST-YEAR HOUSING PROCESS**

Housing selection, like a lot of things at MIT, is very unique. Teams at Housing & Residential Services (HRS), Residential Education, and across the Division of Student Life, are committed to ensuring your housing assignment and move-in experiences are easy and welcoming!

### BEFORE ARRIVING TO CAMPUS

#### MAY

**Step #1**

Submit your Housing Application. Access to the application typically opens in May. The application captures students' housing preferences, including which living community students prefer to join. Through the application, students may also choose to form a group of up to four total students who are interested in the same building placement.

#### JUNE

**Step #2**

You'll receive your building assignment based upon the preferences you submitted as part of your Housing Application. While HRS will make every effort to assign students to one of their top three residence hall preferences, there is a possibility that a student may receive an assignment in any of the available residences based upon space availability.

#### AUGUST

**Step #3**

You'll receive your specific room assignment based upon the living preferences you submitted as part of your Housing Application. Student Room Assignment Chairs or "RACs" coordinate room assignments at the house level in collaboration with members of the House Team.

### AFTER ARRIVING TO CAMPUS

#### AUGUST

**Step #4**

After arriving to campus, you'll have the opportunity to participate in Residential Exploration or "REX" activities sponsored by residents of each house. The events, which are optional to attend, are intended to showcase the unique culture and aspects of each community.

**Step #5**

If you decide that you'd like to change your housing assignment, you'll have the opportunity to participate in the First-Year Residence Exchange “FYRE” process. This is completely optional! FYRE enables students to request a different building assignment, subject to housing availability. If you're successful at receiving a new housing assignment, you'll be able to move to your new building.

### PRO TIP

If you're interested in changing your room or building assignment, it's best not to fully unpack your personal belongings after moving onto campus. This will make the moving process easier if you choose to relocate to an alternate housing assignment during the house-level room change or FYRE processes.

### CONTACT US!

You've got questions, we've got answers! Please visit our contact page to learn about the different ways you can connect with the team at Housing & Residential Services.

[at](studentlife.mit.edu/contact-housing)

Our normal business hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET, Monday through Friday, excluding Institute holidays.