Housing Extensions & Renewals
Graduate Housing Guidance | June 2020

Introduction

MIT Housing & Residential Services (HRS) recognizes that current residents of on-campus graduate housing may experience unique circumstances that merit an extension or renewal to their existing housing license agreement.

HRS, in partnership with colleagues across the Division of Student Life and other departments, has created the Graduate Housing Extension Process to assist eligible graduate residents with temporarily extending their on-campus housing until August 31, 2020, or to renew their housing for 2020-2021.

PLEASE NOTE: Submitting a request for an extension or renewal does not guarantee that the request will be approved. If granted an extension or renewal, students may be required to move to a new housing assignment. Requests for housing extensions or renewals will only be considered for current residents and will not be reviewed for newly-admitted and incoming graduate students.

In situations where residents demonstrate they have special circumstances that create an extreme personal hardship by moving off campus, the Graduate Housing Extension Committee will approve residents to extend their housing until August 31, 2020 or renew their housing eligibility for 2020-2021. Applications will be granted on a limited basis.

- In general, decisions to extend or renew a housing license agreement will be based on the following criteria:
  - Severity of the circumstances;
  - Whether the situation was unforeseen or preventable;
  - The resident’s standing with the Institution; AND
  - The resident’s efforts to comply with their current housing license agreement.

- Approved extension or renewal requests will only be granted under extraordinary circumstances and it is at the discretion of the Graduate Housing Extension Committee to determine what constitutes grounds for extension or renewal. Requests for extensions or renewals will not be granted automatically.

- The Graduate Housing Extension Committee consists of members from the following areas:
  - Housing & Residential Services
  - Office of Graduate Education
  - International Students Office
  - Center for Real Estate
  - MindHandHeart
  - Graduate Heads of House
  - Graduate Residential Education
Request Process & Information

1. Student seeking a housing extension or renewal submits the online request form.
2. After submission, the Graduate Housing Extension Committee will review the resident’s request and make a decision. Decisions will be communicated to the student via email within 7 business days after the request is received.
3. The Graduate Housing Extension Committee may contact the student directly or relevant MIT offices to request additional information, or to further clarify an individual’s circumstances to make a well-informed decision.
4. The Graduate Housing Extension Committee will gather once per week to review requests and to make decisions. These meetings are anticipated to occur on Wednesdays.
5. Additional factors may guide the Graduate Housing Extension Committee’s review and impact their final decisions. This may include housing availability and degree program requirements. As noted above, students may be required to move to a new housing assignment if an extension or renewal is granted.
6. Students may seek assistance with moving, including professional services such as Piece by Piece Movers (guide). Any persons who are assisting with the move will be required to check-in at the front desk upon arrival and follow the graduate housing policies and community expectations outlined here.