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Accommodation services for postgraduates

Whether you're from overseas or based in the UK, we can help you to find and secure accommodation in Birmingham, either through our own accommodation or through private sector accommodation providers.

International guarantee scheme

When you're getting used to an unfamiliar environment and meeting new people, finding your own accommodation is just an added hassle. This is why we guarantee a place in University accommodation to all (non-UK) EU/international students who are new to Birmingham, provided you meet the criteria detailed in our **International Guarantee Scheme (/postgraduate/accommodation/guarantee.aspx)**.

UK postgraduate students

You'll find there's a wide selection of private sector accommodation in the local area, including single flats, shared flats, houses for different-sized groups, properties for families and lodgings with a residential landlord. In addition, whilst we cannot guaranatee a place in University accommodation, you are still encouraged to apply if you would like this type of accommodation.

The University also has allocation rights to a new development called Metchley Hall; a purpose-built, modern development offering a variety of studios within easy walking distance from campus and with good transport links to the city centre. All the studios are fitted to a high standard and fully equipped with everything you need. UK postgraduates are now able to apply for Metchley Hall through our online application form.

You can also apply for accommodation in our recently refurbished University properties – numbers 3, 7, 9 & 11 Pritchatts Road – although as stated above we can't fully guarantee that you'll be allocated one of these rooms in line with the terms of the Guarantee Scheme.

Birmingham flat search schemes

Our flat search scheme can put you in touch with other prospective students before arriving in Birmingham, giving you the chance to rent accommodation as part of a group. You can also use our online search service, **Birmingham Student Pad (http://www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk)**. Visit the site for access to a comprehensive and up-to-date database of private sector properties, so you can find the one that suits your needs as quickly and easily as possible.

We operate a quality control system which makes sure that all the properties on Birmingham Student Pad have been checked against a set of minimum standards as set out by the University. If you experience any problems with the website, please email **l.a.bartram@bham.ac.uk. (mailto:l.a.bartram@bham.ac.uk.)**

SHAC lettings agency

SHAC is the Guild of Students' very own lettings agency and provides a comprehensive service for postgraduate students wanting to live locally in private accommodation. The service charges no fees to students and tenants, and only advertises accredited landlords who sign up to a code of standards, guaranteeing the quality and condition of housing.

Further information can be found on the **SHAC website (http://www.guildshac.co.uk)** or by emailing **shac@guild.bham.ac.uk (mailto:shac@guild.bham.ac.uk)**, phone +44 (0)121 251 2510 or you can search on Facebook for 'Guild SHAC'.

Average rents in the local area

Accommodation type	Weekly fee
Single room (flat share)	£55-£70 per week (bills extra)
Three-bedroom house for a family	£500-£750 per calendar month (bills extra)
Self-catered room (sharing kitchen with owner)	£50-£80 per week (bills included)

Apply for Accommodation **(/postgraduate/accommodation/Apply-for-accommodation/apply.aspx)**

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