



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

# Where you belong

Everything you need to know about  
student accommodation



living

# Find your place

You're at the start of an incredible journey. New place, new people; perhaps living independently for the very first time.

It's exciting, right?

It's also a big change. Give yourself the security of a safe place to live that really feels like home, surrounded by friends, in the heart of your new university community.



## Choose our student accommodation and the rest is easy.

- Guaranteed\* accommodation close to everything on campus
- Wi-Fi, insurance and utilities arranged for you
- 24-hour security
- Support services to look after your wellbeing, all through the year

\* See page 23 for Guarantee Scheme details.

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# What's it like to live here?



Oakley Court made first year the best... very nice and green and close to the uni, you won't want to leave at the end of first year.

Oakley student, 2018



## See for yourself

Get a feel for living here at the annual **Accommodation Open Day**. It's usually in March, and you can have a look around all the accommodation available, and chat with real students about what it's like. If you get an offer to study here, we'll email you to tell you all about it.

**The Living Concept Flat** mixes elements from all our accommodation, to help you imagine your new home.

**Not able to visit?** 360° tours online allow you to see inside bedrooms and around the villages without leaving home. [www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation)

# Make yourself at home

You're guaranteed a friendly welcome to help you settle into your student accommodation.



## Student mentors

Student mentors are current students, who are trained to provide free advice and guidance to students living here. They can help with the little things you'll need at the beginning, like finding your way around and using the library, and with bigger challenges too, like worries about your course or your general wellbeing.

## Hall Reps

Every area of student accommodation has its own Hall Reps. They're students just like you, and they'll arrange social events, from casino nights and cocktails to movie marathons and board games.



## Finding friends

You don't even have to wait until you arrive to start making friends. The Flatmate Finder app means you can connect with your new flatmates right after you get your accommodation confirmation.

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# Be supported

You're at the beginning of a brilliant new experience when you come to university. But whatever your background, there may be times when you need support.

**Don't worry. You'll never have to manage alone.**

At your accommodation, as well as a 24-hour reception, you'll also have a Customer Service Manager or Site Manager to make sure you're getting the best possible **living experience**.

Student mentors are here to help, if you feel more comfortable talking to another student.

And across the University, you'll find plenty of support on offer: a Wellbeing Service to help with **everyday challenges**, and Welfare Tutors and a Counselling Service for your **emotional wellbeing**.

Find out more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support)

# Be included

**This community is for everyone.**

Birmingham is a community: an inclusive, respectful and supportive living environment where diversity is championed.

We all have a shared responsibility to create and maintain this community, allowing each of us to thrive as individuals.

**Are you an international student?**

The International Student Advisory Service is here for you from the moment you decide to apply. They'll help with everything from your visa application to letting you know what to expect from life in the UK.

Find out more:

[intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/student-services/international](http://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/student-services/international)

**Do you have additional requirements?**

If you have any specific accommodation needs, or require any aids or adaptations to your living space, please get in touch with Living. We're committed to supporting you to feel at home.

Find out more:

[birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/disability](http://birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/disability)

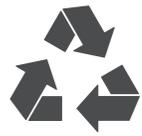


# Live sustainably

The University of Birmingham is committed to reducing our impact on the environment.

You'll see that all across this Fairtrade campus - from our cafés' coffee grounds being turned into sustainable bio-fuels, to zero waste sent to landfill since 2010.

You'll find sustainability is central to living here, too.



## Mixed recycling facilities

on the doorstep



## Sustainable heating

powered by Combined Heat and Power stations



## Bottle amnesty

over 13,000 bottles recycled  
energy saved: enough to make 34,250 cups of tea



## Sensor lighting

helping conserve energy



## Water-saving initiatives

like shower time monitors



## Junkbusters community project

recycling unwanted items at the end of the year

£170,000 raised for the British Heart Foundation to date



## Eco cups

100% recycled reusable cups  
8,800 bought last year

## Social media

@UoBEnvServices

@UoBEnvironmentalServices

Passionate about sustainability?  
Apply to live in the Green Community

see page 19



# Eat well

## Meal Plan accommodation makes life easy:

- food with friends
- 10% discount
- make budgeting easy

## Dietary requirements?

Don't worry: a wide range of diets will always be catered for.

## How does Meal Plan work?

You'll have a weekly budget added to your ID card, which you can spend at over 30 different places to eat and drink across the whole campus – from traditional home-style meals and fresh international flavours to takeaway pizzas and coffee from Costa and Starbucks.

Payments are included in your accommodation costs, and you can check your balance at any time using the app.

Meal Plan's flexible, cashless system isn't expected to cover every meal, 7 days a week. You'll have the same kitchen facilities as a student in self-catered accommodation, so if you feel like cooking for yourself or eating in the city, you won't lose out: your budget will stay on your card to be used another time.

Best of all, you get 10% off the full price.

Find out more: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/mealplan](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/mealplan)





### Student Accommodation

- |                                  |                                |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>1</b> The Vale Village        | <b>4</b> Liberty Park          | <b>7</b> Liberty Court   |
| <b>2</b> Pritchatts Park Village | <b>5</b> Host - The Metalworks | <b>8</b> Liberty Gardens |
| <b>3</b> Selly Oak Village       | <b>6</b> Unite                 |                          |

### Places of Interest

- |   |  |                                      |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> University of Birmingham Library | <b>9</b> Winterbourne House & Garden   | <b>17</b> Edgbaston Cricket Ground   |
| <b>2</b> Guild of Students                | <b>10</b> Lucas House Hotel            | <b>18</b> Five Ways                  |
| <b>3</b> Sport and Fitness Centre         | <b>11</b> Harborne Village High Street | <b>19</b> Broad Street               |
| <b>4</b> Medical School                   | <b>12</b> Birmingham Botanical Gardens | <b>20</b> Selly Park                 |
| <b>5</b> Queen Elizabeth Hospital         | <b>13</b> Edgbaston Golf Club          | <b>21</b> Elmdon Road Cricket Ground |
| <b>6</b> Bournbrook Pavilion              | <b>14</b> Edgbaston Priory Club        |                                      |
| <b>7</b> Selly Oak Shopping Park          | <b>15</b> School of Dentistry          |                                      |
| <b>8</b> Edgbaston Park Hotel             | <b>16</b> Cannon Hill Park             |                                      |

**Supermarkets / Retail**

# What kind of accommodation will suit you best?



## En-suite

Your bedroom comes with its own private bathroom, with a shower. You'll also have a shared kitchen, whether you're in Meal Plan or self-catered accommodation.



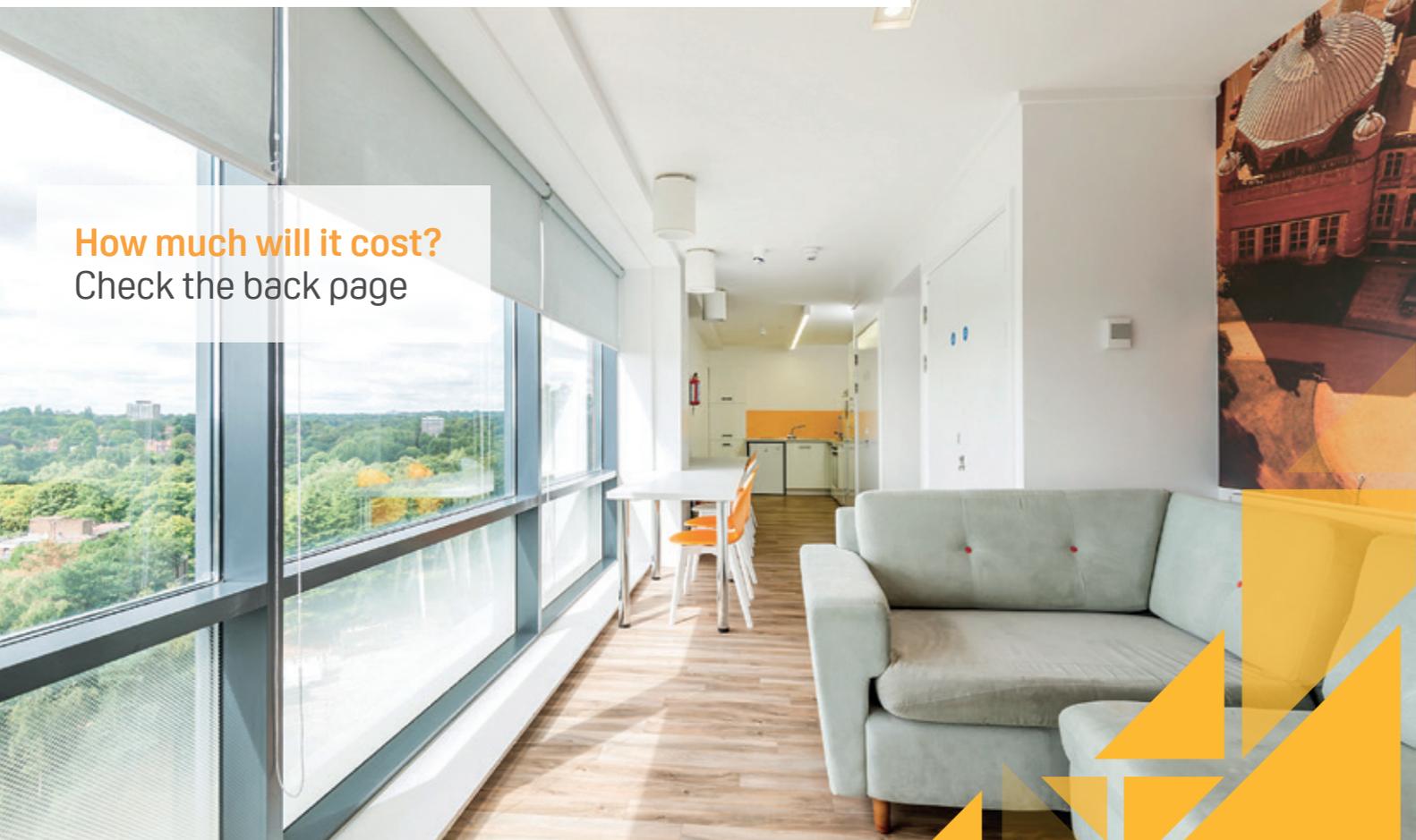
## Shared

You'll be sharing a bathroom with your flatmates as well as a kitchen, but you'll still have your own private bedroom. Some locations also offer duplex accommodation, where just two of you share a bathroom.



## Studio

Your own exclusive space with a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and diner.



**How much will it cost?**  
Check the back page

# Villages

Accommodation at Birmingham is a mix of privately-owned Partner Accommodation – mostly in lively Selly Oak, near campus – and University 'villages'.

Each has its own sense of community and a unique atmosphere. Wherever you live, you'll be with other first years. 24-hour security, Wi-Fi, and utilities are all included for you, too.



## Vale Village

The biggest village, in beautiful lakeside parkland, with Meal Plan and self-catering



## Pritchatts Park Village

Closest to University train station, with a friendly bar, café and quiet study zone



## Selly Oak Village

Closest to campus, in the lively student area of Selly Oak



## Partner accommodation

Located close to campus or near the vibrant city centre

# What to expect from an en-suite room



Sample floor plan: room, bed size and layout may vary



-  A comfy single or three-quarter size bed\*
-  Your own small bathroom, with a toilet, washbasin and shower
-  Pinboard for posters, flyers and photos
-  Shelves for your books and files
-  Wi-Fi, insurance and utilities all included
-  24-hour security
-  Desk and chair
-  Shared kitchen
-  Wardrobe

\*Accommodation with 3/4 beds are marked with this icon.

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# En-suite accommodation

You'll find en-suite accommodation in lots of locations on or near to campus.

As well as your en-suite room, you'll have a shared kitchen where you can cook and socialise with your flatmates, whether you're in Meal Plan or self-catered accommodation.



## Unite

- Self-catered
- 348 students
- Flats of 4 to 5 students

Total cost en-suite: £6,655 (42 weeks)  
Deluxe en-suite: £6,767 (42 weeks)



## Chamberlain

- Meal Plan
- 702 students
- Flats of 6 students

Total cost: £8,446 (42 weeks)



## Host - The Metalworks

- Self-catered
- 300 students
- Flats of 5 students

Total cost: £6,783 (42 weeks)



## Mason

- Self-catered
- 804 students
- Flats of 6 students

Total cost: £6,617 (42 weeks)



## Liberty Court

- Self-catered
- 332 students
- Flats of 5 to 7 students

Total cost: £5,900 (42 weeks)



## Liberty Park

- Self-catered
- 652 students
- Flats of 5 to 6 students

Total cost en-suite: £6,526 (42 weeks)  
Deluxe en-suite: £6,699 (42 weeks)

Where are they?  
Check the map on pages 10-11

Turn the page to see more  
en-suite accommodation



### Jarratt Hall

- Self-catered
- 699 students
- Flats of 4 to 6 students

**Total cost: £6,296 (42 weeks)**  
**£7,503 (50 weeks)**



### Elgar Court

- Self-catered
- 236 students
- Flats of 6 students

**Total cost: £6,217 (42 weeks)**



### Bournbrook



- Self-catered
- 178 students
- Flats of 4 to 7 students

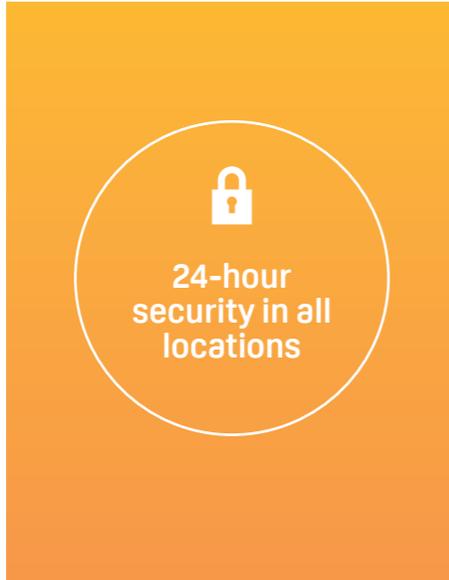
**Total cost: £6,719 (42 weeks)**



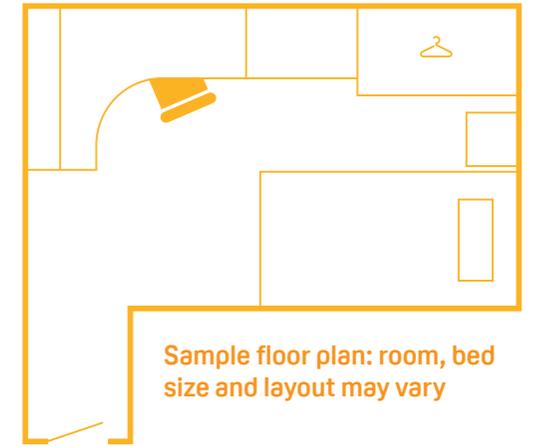
### Shackleton

- Meal Plan
- 288 students
- Flats of 5 to 8 students

**Total cost: £8,060 (42 weeks)**



# What to expect from a bedroom with a shared bathroom



Sample floor plan: room, bed size and layout may vary



A comfy single or three-quarter size bed in your own private bedroom\*



Wi-Fi, insurance and utilities all included



Pinboard for posters, flyers and photos



Shelves for your books and files



Shared bathroom



24-hour security



Desk and chair



Shared kitchen



Wardrobe

Sharing a bathroom is probably what you do at home, so this won't feel any different. You'll also have a shared kitchen, so you can relax with your friends and flatmates, and maybe share some of the cooking too.

\*Accommodation with 3/4 beds are marked with this icon.



A big advantage of Liberty Court was definitely the proximity of the beautiful Cannon Hill Park, Aldi and the availability of free shuttle buses. The standard of accommodation was high and the [Hall reps] were great at organising social events both independently and in conjunction with the other accommodation sites.

**Dominika, Law Graduate**

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# Shared accommodation

Shared accommodation can be found in lots of locations on or near to campus.

You'll share a bathroom and kitchen with your flatmates, but you'll still have your own private study bedroom.



## Aitken



- Meal Plan
- 147 students
- Flats of 6 students

**Total cost: £6,042 (42 weeks)**



## Liberty Gardens

- Self-catered
- 240 students
- Flats of 6 students

**Total cost: £4,517 (42 weeks)**



## Maple Bank

- Meal Plan
- Self-catered
- 435 students
- Flats of 5 students

**Total cost: £3,680 (42 weeks Self-catered)  
£5,359 (42 weeks Meal Plan)**



## Oakley Court

- Shared bathrooms or duplexes (one bathroom between two)
- Self-catered
- 213 students
- Flats of 5 to 13 students

**Total cost: £5,221 (42 weeks)**



## Shackleton

- Meal Plan
- 47 students
- Flats of 2 to 5 students

**Total cost: £6,825 – £6,924 (42 weeks)**



## Ashcroft

- Self-catered
- 198 students
- Flats of 6 students

**Total cost: £4,144 (42 weeks)**



## Tennis Court

- Self-catered
- 510 students
- Flats of 5 to 6 students

**Total cost: £5,011 (42 weeks)**



## The Spinney

- Self-catered
- 104 students
- Flats of 5 to 9 students
- Bedding and kitchen packs provided

**Total cost: £5,149 (50 weeks) Postgraduate accommodation only**



## Tennis Court Green Community

- Self-catered
- 184 students
- Flats of 5 to 6 students

**Total cost: £4,816 (42 weeks)**

A gated complex with 272 solar panels, apple trees, living walls and bird boxes. Students choose to live here because they're passionate about sustainability.

“ Living in a courtyard made it feel very homely, and like our own little section of campus. Everyone is friendly and it has a real community spirit.

**Harriet, Green Community resident**



## Pritchatts House Global Community

- Shared bathrooms or duplexes (one bathroom between two)
- Self-catered
- 162 students
- Flats of 5 to 18 students

**Total cost: £3,995 (42 weeks)**

A unique living environment, home to UK and international students who want to build friendships around the world. These large flats are designed for socialising and sharing experiences.

“ At university having friends from all over the world is so enriching. You can learn unique and interesting things from different cultures and it really broadened my horizons as a person as well as leaving me with lifelong friendships.

**Grace, BSc Business Management Student**

**How close to campus?**  
View the map on pages 10-11

# Studios and apartments

You'll have your own bathroom, kitchen and diner alongside your bedroom in these contemporary spaces.

Studios and apartments range in size from single studios to apartments suitable for couples, and are particularly popular with mature undergraduate students and postgraduates.



## The Vale Village

Studios and apartments in Shackleton, Mason and Chamberlain are available on a 42-week undergraduate contract or 50-week postgraduate contract. They're usually on the top floor or in a separate part of the building.



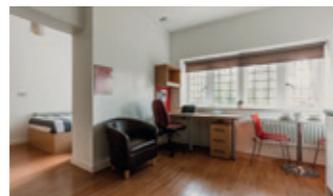
## Pritchatts Road

These studios and apartments are located in four beautiful converted houses at the entrance to Pritchatts Park Village. They're available on a 50-week postgraduate contract only.



### Studio

- Weekly fee £197
- Pritchatts Road
- Average size: 19m<sup>2</sup>



### Studio Plus

- Weekly fee £210 – 212
- Pritchatts Road and Shackleton
- Average size: 28m<sup>2</sup>



### Studio Apartment

- Weekly fee £248
- Pritchatts Road, Shackleton, Mason and Chamberlain
- Average size: 32m<sup>2</sup>



### Studio Apartment Plus

- Weekly fee £261 – £265
- Pritchatts Road and Mason
- Average size: 60m<sup>2</sup>

See inside with a 360° tour.  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation)

# FAQ

## Will I be able to park my car?

Parking is very limited and a permit is required; please only bring your car if there are exceptional circumstances. Not all residences have parking facilities, so check availability first. If you're a blue badge holder, accessible parking spaces are available at all sites. To arrange yours, contact your site reception once you know where you'll be living.

## Where can I get Wi-Fi?

Wi-Fi is available across campus and throughout all accommodation, including the public areas. You can expect speeds of up to 75 mb/s.

## What about utility bills?

You won't need to worry about these when you live here. They're part of your accommodation costs, so your Wi-Fi, heating, electricity, water and basic contents insurance bills are all covered.

## Where will I do my laundry?

All the villages have their own washing and drying services. They're open 24 hours a day, every day. The accommodation app lets you monitor the laundry, so you can see when your washing is finished or check if there's a machine available.

## Still have a question?

You'll find more answers at  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/faqs](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/faqs)

## Will I get my preferred accommodation?

When you apply, you'll provide six location preferences. The Living team will try to offer you one of these options; if none are available, we'll still try to give you your preference of bathroom and/or catering.

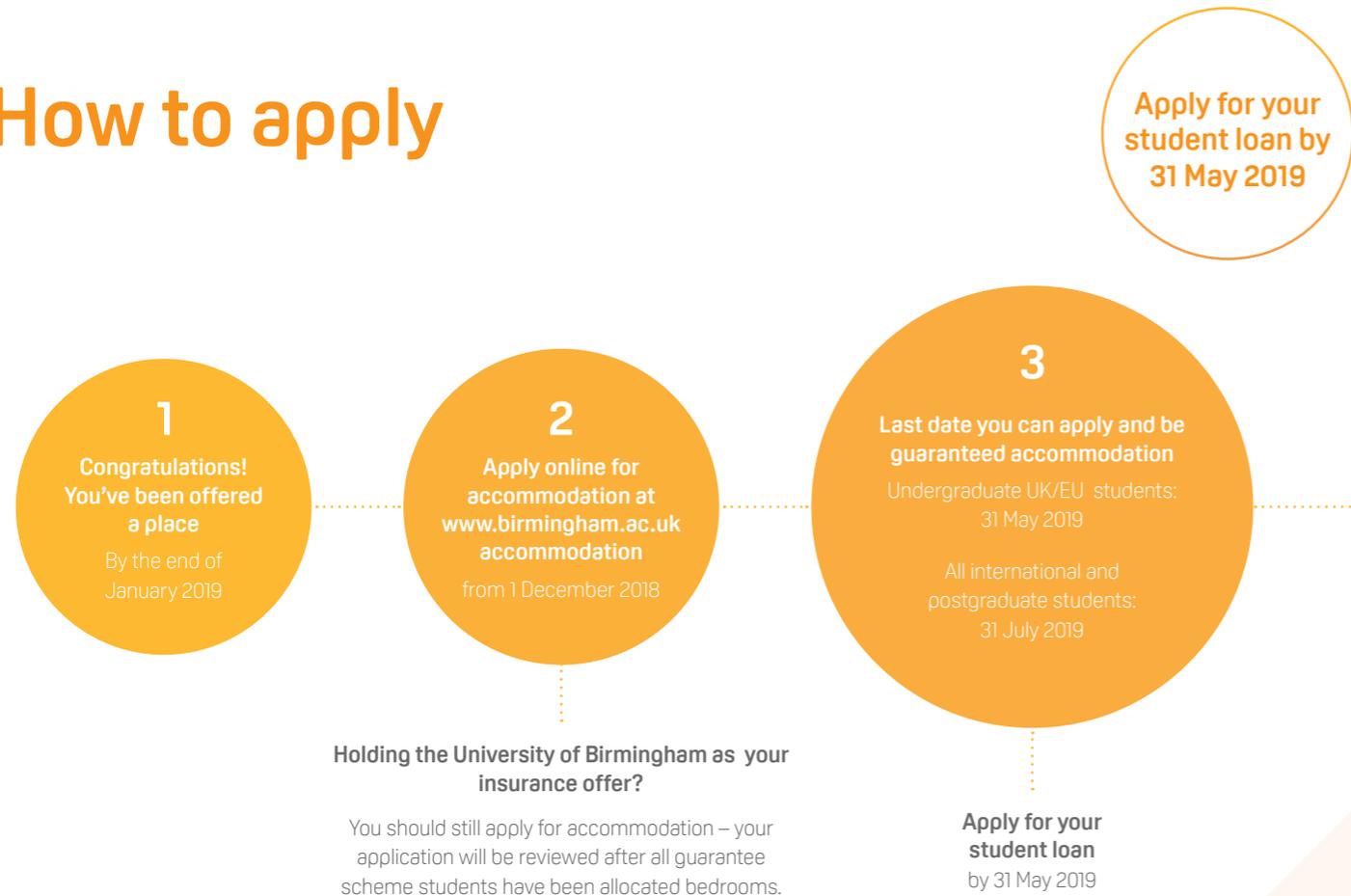
## Will my accommodation be safe and secure?

Your safety is a priority. All University accommodation complies with the regulations set out by the Universities UK Code of Practice, which includes health and safety, maintenance and repair. All Partner accommodation meets the very similar standards of the National Code. You'll have 24-hour security on hand, and be given clear guidance on what to do in an emergency. All we ask of you is that you act responsibly, for example by complying with fire safety advice, keeping flat doors locked, and looking out for your fellow students.



Ready to apply?  
 Turn the page

# How to apply



# Receiving your offer



## Undergraduate Guarantee Scheme

As a new first year, you're guaranteed a room in either University-owned or Partner accommodation, provided you have:

- Applied to the University of Birmingham through UCAS
- Met the terms of your offer and accepted it as your firm choice
- Submitted the application by 31 May 2019 (UK/EU students) or 31 July 2019 (international students)
- Confirmed by 1 September 2019 that you're coming to the University
- Come to the University of Birmingham on your own
- Applied for accommodation for a full academic year on a 42-week contract

## Postgraduate Guarantee Scheme

This guarantees a room in either University-owned or Partner accommodation to all first-year postgraduate international and non-UK students, provided you have:

- Met the terms of your offer and accepted it as your firm choice
- Submitted the accommodation application by 31 July 2019
- Confirmed by 1 September 2019 that you're coming to the University
- Come to the University of Birmingham on your own
- Applied for accommodation for a full academic year on a 50-week contract

## Private accommodation

Not all students choose to live in University accommodation.

Throughout your University experience, if you'd like to rent from the private sector, you don't have to do it alone. The Community Living Team can help you find alternative quality accommodation in conjunction with Guild Lettings, the Guild of Students' own lettings service.

You can get advice on costs, contracts and suitable locations to live. Guild Lettings won't charge you administration fees, and they only work with landlords accredited with the Midland Landlord Accreditation Scheme.

Find out more: [www.guildlettingsbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.guildlettingsbirmingham.co.uk)



**StudentPad** The University's official property search engine, to help you find a new home.  
[www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk](http://www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk)

**Got questions?** Living is the University's accommodation service. Get in touch with the team, and they'll help you find the right answers.  
**+44 (0)121 414 8000**  
[living@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:living@contacts.bham.ac.uk)  
On campus: visit the Living branch in University Centre.

Room Type	Name of Residence	Village	Cost per week <sup>i</sup>	Total cost	Number of Rooms	Undergraduate 42 Weeks	Postgraduate 50 Weeks
Single bedroom with shared facilities Self-catered	Maple Bank	The Vale Village	£89	£3,680	219	✓	
	Pritchatts House	Pritchatts Park Village	£96	£3,995	162	✓	
	Ashcroft	Pritchatts Park Village	£100	£4,144	198	✓	
	Liberty Gardens *	Partner Accommodation	£108	£4,517	240	✓	
	The Spinney	Pritchatts Park Village	£109	£5,418	104		✓
	Tennis Court Green Community	The Vale Village	£116	£4,816	184	✓	
	Tennis Court	The Vale Village	£121	£5,011	510	✓	
	Oakley Court	Pritchatts Park Village	£126	£5,221	213	✓	
	Maple Bank	The Vale Village	£129	£5,359	216	✓	
	Aitken	The Vale Village	£145	£6,042	147	✓	
Meal Plan	Shackleton (3, 4, or 5 bed flat)	The Vale Village	£164	£6,825	14	✓	
	Shackleton (2 bed flat)	The Vale Village	£166	£6,924	33	✓	

Duplex - two sharing one bathroom Self-Catered	Pritchatts House Global Community	Pritchatts Park Village	£102	£4,217	48	✓	
	Oakley Court	Pritchatts Park Village	£133	£5,159	72	✓	

En-suite Self-catered	Liberty Court *	Partner Accommodation	£141	£5,900	332	✓	
	Elgar Court	The Vale Village	£150	£6,217	236	✓	
	Jarratt Hall (Undergraduate)	Selly Oak Village	£151	£6,296	332	✓	
	Jarratt Hall (Postgraduate)	Selly Oak Village	£151	£7,503	367		✓
	Liberty Park *	Partner Accommodation	£156-£160	£6,526 - £6,699	652	✓	
	Mason	The Vale Village	£159	£6,617	804	✓	
	Unite - Battery Park *	Partner Accommodation	£159-£162	£6,655 - £6,767	348	✓	
	Bourbrook	Selly Oak Village	£162	£6,719	178	✓	
	Host - The Metalworks*	Partner Accommodation	£162	£6,783	300	✓	
	Liberty Park (2 bed apartment) *	Partner Accommodation	£174	£7,304	4	✓	
Meal Plan	Shackleton	The Vale Village	£194	£8,060	288	✓	
	Chamberlain	The Vale Village	£203	£8,446	702	✓	

Studios and Apartments Self-catered	Pritchatts Road (Studio)	Pritchatts Park Village	£197	£9,790	31		✓
	Pritchatts Road (Studio Plus) ^	Pritchatts Park Village	£210	£10,392	21		✓
	Shackleton (Studio Plus)	The Vale Village	£212	£8,836 / £10,392	8	✓	✓
	Pritchatts Road (Studio Apartment) ^	Pritchatts Park Village	£244	£12,118	3	✓	✓
	Shackleton (Studio Apartment) ^	The Vale Village	£248	£10,305 / £12,281	8	✓	✓
	Chamberlain (Studio Apartment)	The Vale Village	£248	£10,305	24	✓	✓
	Mason (Studio Apartment) ^	The Vale Village	£248	£10,305	6	✓	✓
	Pritchatts Road (Studio Apartment Plus) ^	Pritchatts Park Village	£261	£12,970	1		✓
	Mason (Studio Apartment Plus) ^	The Vale Village	£265	£11,026	30	✓	✓

\* Partner Accommodation  
(^ ) Studios and Apartments  
also suitable for couples

You are bound by the accommodation  
contract for the 42/50 weeks stated,  
unless you withdraw from the University  
(University owned accommodation only)  
or find a replacement student to take over  
the contract. Full terms and conditions  
are available online.

#### DISCLAIMER

Although this information was correct at the date of publication (January 2019), details  
and other conditions are subject to revision on occasion. Services may be added,  
changed or withdrawn. Please visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation) for the most  
up to date accommodation information. Our accommodation guide is in circulation for 12  
months and re-printed in January each year.

#### YOUR ACCOMMODATION FEE INCLUDES

-  WiFi
  -  Utilities
  -  Insurance
  -  24hr Service
-  Weekly prices are only indicative  
towards total costs