



You've found the right place

Everything you need to know about
student accommodation



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

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Welcome to your new home

Starting university means lots of exciting changes. New place, new people; perhaps living independently for the first time.

Give yourself the security of a safe place to live that really feels like home.

The facts

91%

satisfied with their accommodation



GOOD or VERY GOOD value for money

75%

described accommodation as GOOD or VERY GOOD

70%

of our accommodation is en-suite



all accommodation within 1-mile radius of central campus



accommodation had a positive impact on wellbeing

What's it like to live here?

“

Having the best time of my life here! I love Birmingham as a city, our campus is beautiful, loving my accommodation and flatmates and the course is extremely interesting as well!

“

Stunning campus, amazing community, love it.

“

It's great. I am disabled and they've been really helpful. Campus is beautiful and also very accessible. My lecturers are so lovely and the people are great.

Feedback statistics in this brochure are taken from the independent National Student Housing Survey 2019/20. Testimonials were posted by current or recent students on Studentcrowd.com, Studenthut.com and Hallbookers.co.uk.



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.

24-hour reception

so there's always someone around to help

Customer Service Manager or Site Manager

to make sure you're getting the best living experience

Student Mentors

trained to help you settle in, find your way around – and to listen to bigger worries too

Hall Reps

creating social experiences to help you make friends

Wellbeing services

at the University, when you need them

Find out more: 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/studentservices/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



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 – enough energy saved 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

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



Eco cups

100% recycled reusable cups
8,800 bought in 2018

Social media



@UoBEnvServices



@UoBEnvironmentalServices

Passionate about sustainability?
Apply to live in the Green Community

see page 17



Eat well

How does Meal Plan work?

On Meal Plan, you'll have a weekly budget added to your ID card, which you can spend all over campus. Payments are included in your accommodation costs, and you can check your balance at any time using the app.

You get lots of choice – from filling traditional home-style meals and takeaway pizzas to tapas, salads and noodles. You can even use Meal Plan at Costa and Starbucks. And you get 10% off the regular price, every time.

Meal Plan isn't meant to cover every meal, 7 days a week. We know sometimes you'll want to cook with flatmates, have a day off campus or eat in the city. That's why we've made Meal Plan completely flexible: any money you don't spend each week will stay on your card to be used another time.

Find out more: birmingham.ac.uk/mealplan

Meal Plan: eat where you like, when you like, hassle free.

- 30+ places to eat around campus
- food with friends
- 10% discount

Dietary requirements?

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



Weekly budget

added to your ID card and app



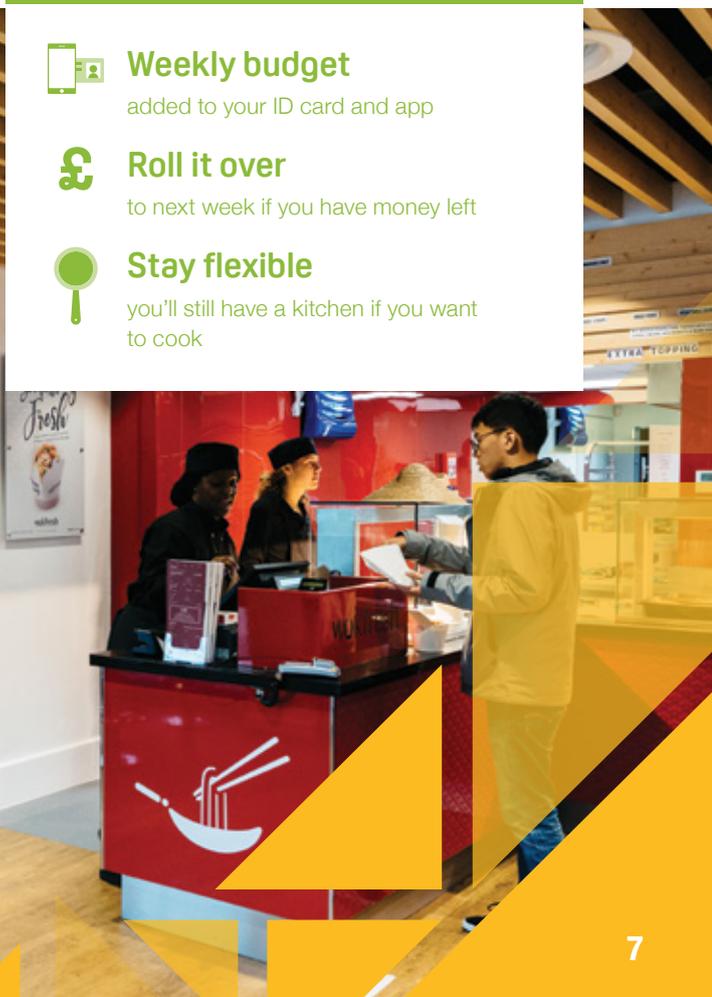
Roll it over

to next week if you have money left



Stay flexible

you'll still have a kitchen if you want to cook





Student Accommodation

- | | | |
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| <p>1 The Vale Village
13 – 23-minute walk</p> | <p>4 Liberty Park
9-minute walk</p> | <p>7 Liberty Court
30-minute walk</p> |
| <p>2 Pritchatts Park Village
12 – 13-minute walk</p> | <p>5 Host – The Metalworks
10-minute walk</p> | <p>8 Selly Oak Court
24-minute walk</p> |
| <p>3 Selly Oak Village
9 – 12-minute walk</p> | <p>6 Battery Park
15-minute walk</p> | <p>Walking times shown are to the Green Heart, at the centre of campus.</p> |



Places of Interest

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

Supermarkets and shops

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 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.



The Vale Village

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



Pritchatts Park Village

Closest to University train station, with a cosy social area 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

UNITE STUDENTS

Liberty Living

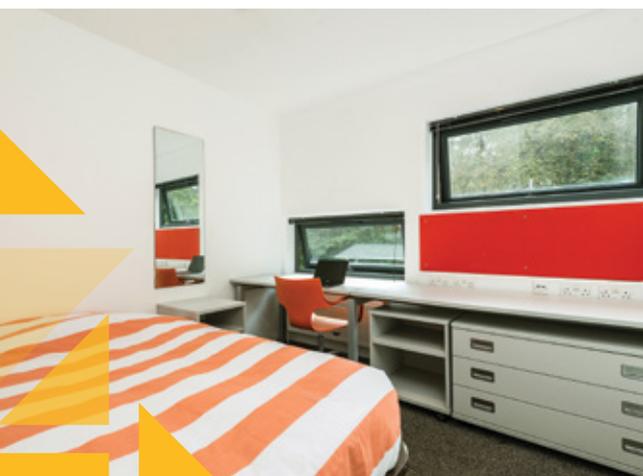
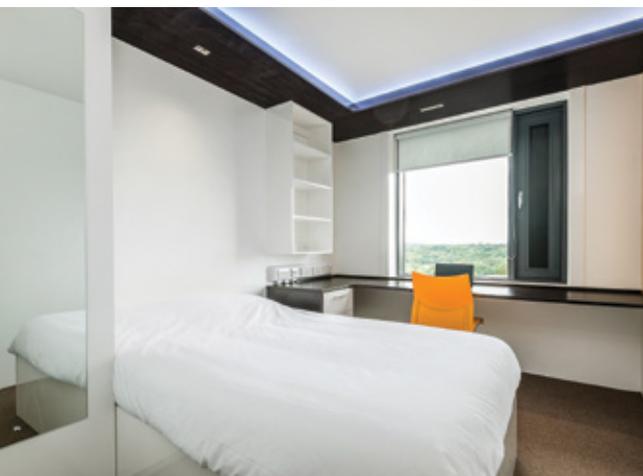
Host.

CRM STUDENTS

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 three-quarter size beds



accommodation with ground-floor adapted rooms

Walking times shown are to the Green Heart, at the centre of campus.

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.



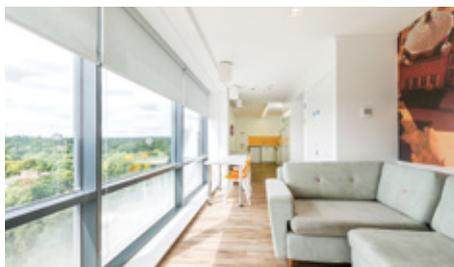
Battery Park



- Self-catered
- Flats of 4 to 5 students
- 15-minute walk

Total cost en-suite: £6,888 (42 weeks)

Deluxe en-suite: £7,014 (42 weeks)

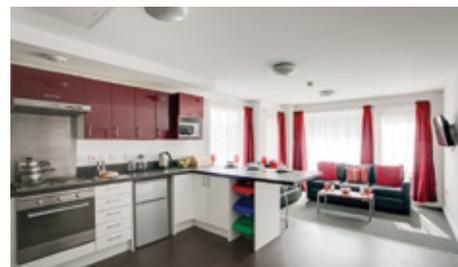


Chamberlain



- Meal Plan
- Flats of 6 students
- 21-minute walk

Total cost: £8,663 (42 weeks)



Host – The Metalworks



- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 students
- 10-minute walk

Total cost: £7,014 (42 weeks)



Mason



- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 to 6 students
- 15-minute walk

Total cost: £6,784 (42 weeks)



Jarratt Hall



- Self-catered
- Flats of 4 to 6 students
- 12 minute walk

Total cost: £6,547 (42 weeks)
£7,803 (50 weeks)



Liberty Park



- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 to 6 students
- 9-minute walk

Total cost en-suite: £6,741 (42 weeks)
Deluxe en-suite: £6,951 (42 weeks)



Host – The Metalworks feels very safe with the gates and keycard entry doors, and the reception are always very helpful...Love it here, definitely worth putting down!!



Liberty Court

- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 to 7 students
- 30-minute walk

Total cost: £5,229 (42 weeks)



Elgar Court



- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 to 6 students
- 23-minute walk

Total cost: £6,527 (42 weeks)



Bournbrook



- Self-catered
- Flats of 4 to 7 students
- 9-minute walk

Total cost: £6,921 (42 weeks)



Shackleton

- Meal Plan
- Flats of 5 to 8 students
- 18-minute walk

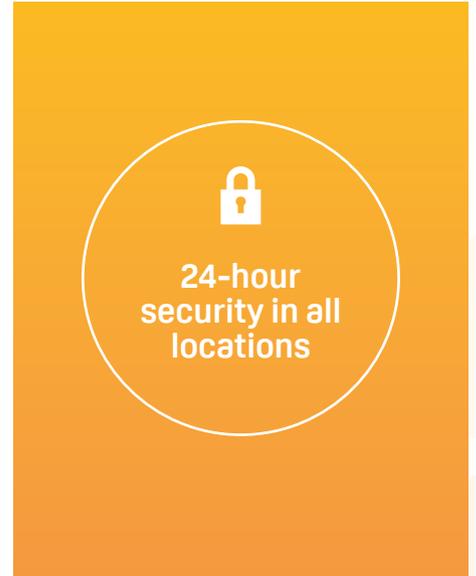
Total cost: £8,109 (42 weeks)



Selly Oak Court

- Self-catered
- Flats of 4 to 5 students
- 24-minute walk

Total cost: £6,594 (42 weeks)

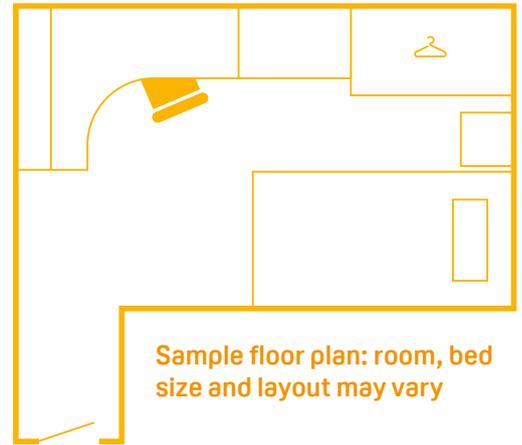


**24-hour
security in all
locations**



Liberty Court is far from campus BUT brilliant for being able to live right in the city of Birmingham whilst still feeling safe. A 10 min walk to the Bullring and being close to Broad Street for nights out will really make your first year a sociable experience.

What to expect from a bedroom with a shared bathroom



A comfy single 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



Oakley Court made first year the best. 13 people in a flat can sound intimidating and too busy, but it means there's always people around and it has a great vibe/ social life that you can pick and choose to be part of... you won't want to leave at the end of first year.

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
- Flats of 6 to 9 students
- 21-minute walk

Total cost: £6,526 (42 weeks)



Maple Bank



- Meal Plan or self-catered
- Flats of 5 students
- 21-minute walk

Total cost: £3,680 (42 weeks self-catered)
£5,408 (42 weeks Meal Plan)



Oakley Court

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

Total cost shared bathroom: £5,353 (42 weeks)

Total cost duplex: £5,657 (42 weeks)



Shackleton

- Meal Plan
- Flats of 2 to 5 students
- 18-minute walk

Total cost: £6,874 – £6,973 (42 weeks)



Ashcroft



- Self-catered
- Flats of 6 students
- 13-minute walk

Total cost: £4,246 (42 weeks)
£5,060 (50 weeks)



Selly Oak Village was just great and made our lives so enjoyable: in a quiet street but near to everything (from supermarkets to pubs), and as close to the university as one can be.



UK Value for Money 2019 awards from Studentcrowd.com.



Tennis Court

- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 students
- 13-minute walk

Total cost: £5,011 (42 weeks)



The Spinney

- Self-catered
- Flats of 5 to 11 students
- 12-minute walk

Total cost: £4,661 (42 weeks)



Tennis Court Green Community

- Self-catered
- Flats of 4 to 6 students
- 13-minute walk

Total cost: £5,011 (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.

“ I lived in **Green Community** and it was honestly the best place imaginable to be living for the price. The kitchen is a great place to socialise and it has its own courtyard for summer... Best hall.



Pritchatts House Global Community

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

Total cost shared bathroom: £3,995 (42 weeks)

Total cost duplex: £4,217 (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.

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.



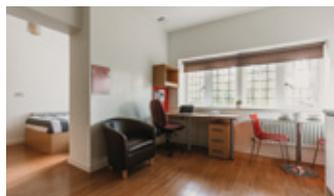
Pritchatts Road

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 £202
- Pritchatts Road
- Average size: 19m²



Studio Plus

- Weekly fee £215
- Pritchatts Road and Shackleton
- Average size: 28m²



Studio Apartment

- Weekly fee £254
- Pritchatts Road, Shackleton, Mason and Chamberlain
- Average size: 32m²



Studio Apartment Plus

- Weekly fee £271
- Pritchatts Road and Mason
- Average size: 60m²

See inside with a 360° tour.
birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Can I choose exactly where I'll live?

At Birmingham, we ask you to provide **six preferences** when you apply for accommodation. When it's time to share out accommodation, all students are sorted randomly. When your name is at the top of the list, you'll be given accommodation based on availability, in preference order.

We'll try our very best to offer you one of your six preferences, but unfortunately we can't promise to match everyone exactly. If your preferred accommodation isn't available, we'll still try to give you your preference of bathroom and/or catering.

Please don't let it worry you. Even if you don't get your preferred accommodation, every village has its own sense of community and a unique atmosphere. Wherever you live, you'll be surrounded by other new first years, with lots of support to give you a great student experience.

See for yourself

Get a feel for living here at the annual **Accommodation Open Day** in March. 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.

Find out more: birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Finding friends

You don't have to wait until you arrive to start making friends. You can connect with your new flatmates right after you get your accommodation confirmation, using your accommodation pass.



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 100 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.

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.

What happens after first year?

After your first year, most students choose to rent privately – often in lively Selly Oak.

Don't worry: you won't be left to arrange it by yourself. **StudentPad** is the University's official property search engine, where you can find available rooms, houses or potential flatmates. The **Community Living** team will offer plenty of support to help you find quality accommodation, from reliable landlords who are accredited with the Midland Landlord Accreditation Scheme.

Some University and Partner accommodation is also reserved for **returning students**. If you love the convenience and security of living in student accommodation, you can apply again after your first year.

Find out more: birminghamstudentpad.co.uk





Got questions?

You'll find more answers at
birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/faqs

The University's accommodation team are always happy to help with any questions or concerns you might have.

+44 (0)121 414 8000
living@contacts.bham.ac.uk

On campus: visit the accommodation team at Living in University Centre.

Ready to apply?

Turn the page

How to apply

Apply for your student loan by 31 May 2020

1

Congratulations!
You've been offered a place

By the end of
January 2020

2

Apply online for accommodation at
birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

from 1 December 2019

3

Last date you can apply and be
guaranteed accommodation

Undergraduate UK/EU students:
31 May 2020

All international and postgraduate
students: 31 July 2020

Holding the University of Birmingham as your insurance offer?

You should still apply for accommodation – your application will be reviewed after all guarantee scheme students have been allocated bedrooms.

Apply for your student loan by 31 May 2020

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 2020 (UK/EU students) or 31 July 2020 (international students)
- Confirmed by 1 September 2020 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

Receiving your offer

University-owned
accommodation: £550
Advance Rent Payment

1

Receive your offer of
accommodation

Within 14 working days of A level
results day (13 August 2020)

2

Secure your offer with a
pre-payment

Partner accommodation: payable to
Partner accommodation, who will
contact you directly (refundable deposit
or Advance Rent Payment)

3

Your accommodation is
confirmed

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 2020
- Confirmed by 1 September 2020 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

Room Type	Name of Residence	Village	Cost per week ¹	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	305	✓	
	Pritchatts House Global Community	Pritchatts Park Village	£96	£3,995	114	✓	
	Ashcroft	Pritchatts Park Village	£102	£4,246 / £5,060	198	✓	✓
	The Spinney	Pritchatts Park Village	£112	£4,661	104	✓	
	Tennis Court Green Community	The Vale Village	£121	£5,011	184	✓	
	Tennis Court	The Vale Village	£121	£5,011	510	✓	
	Oakley Court	Pritchatts Park Village	£129	£5,353	141	✓	
	Maple Bank	The Vale Village	£130	£5,408	130	✓	
	Aitken	The Vale Village	£157	£6,526	147	✓	
	Shackleton	The Vale Village	£165 – £168	£6,874 – £6,973	47	✓	
Duplex – two sharing one bathroom Self-Catered	Pritchatts House Global Community	Pritchatts Park Village	£102	£4,217	48	✓	
	Oakley Court	Pritchatts Park Village	£136	£5,657	72	✓	
En-suite Self-catered	Liberty Court	Partner Accommodation	£125	£5,229	337	✓	
	Tennis Court	The Vale Village	£156	£7,754	103	✓	✓
	Elgar Court	The Vale Village	£157	£6,527	236	✓	
	Jarratt Hall	Selly Oak Village	£157	£6,547 / £7,803	740	✓	✓
	Selly Oak Court	Partner Accommodation	£157	£6,594	179	✓	
	Liberty Park	Partner Accommodation	£161 – £166	£6,741 – £6,951	656	✓	
	Mason	The Vale Village	£163	£6,784	804	✓	
	Battery Park	Partner Accommodation	£164 – £167	£6,888 – £7,014	348	✓	
	Bournebrook	Selly Oak Village	£166	£6,921	178	✓	
	Host – The Metalworks	Partner Accommodation	£167	£7,014	300	✓	
	Shackleton	The Vale Village	£195	£8,109	288	✓	
	Chamberlain	The Vale Village	£208	£8,663	702	✓	
	Studios and Apartments Self-catered	Pritchatts Road (Studio)	Pritchatts Park Village	£202	£10,033	31	
Pritchatts Road (Studio Plus)*		Pritchatts Park Village	£215	£10,653	21		✓
Shackleton (Studio Plus)		The Vale Village	£215	£8,939 / £10,653	8	✓	✓
Pritchatts Road (Studio Apartment)*		Pritchatts Park Village	£254	£12,588	3		✓
Shackleton (Studio Apartment)*		The Vale Village	£254	£10,562 / £12,588	8	✓	✓
Chamberlain (Studio Apartment)		The Vale Village	£254	£10,562	24	✓	
Mason (Studio Apartment)*		The Vale Village	£254	£10,562	30	✓	
Pritchatts Road (Studio Apartment Plus)*		Pritchatts Park Village	£271	£13,468	1		✓
Mason (Studio Apartment Plus)*		The Vale Village	£271	£11,301	6	✓	

* 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 2020), details and other conditions are subject to revision on occasion. Services may be added, changed or withdrawn. Please visit 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

-  Wi-Fi
-  Utilities
-  Insurance
-  24hr service
-  Weekly prices are only indicative towards total costs