

General Summer Housing Tips and Resources

You've found the perfect summer placement, now you just need to find a place to live. The following resources can help get your search started.

1. Start your search early!

Many schools will be on summer break while you are finishing your midterms. Deadlines for summer housing may be earlier than you think.

2. Check nearby colleges and universities.

Many colleges and universities allow visiting students to rent empty dorm rooms for the summer. Information and applications can be found on-line.

3. Use your connections.

Talk to friends, family, host organization, faculty, post on social media . . . There may be a wealth of resources available to you if you just ask! Additionally, Stanford has a vast alumni network and alums may be willing to rent you a room. Check out the alumni directory: alumni.stanford.edu

4. Search on housing websites.

The internet can be a very useful tool. We encourage you to use discretion. Helpful keywords for searches include: sublet, rental, roommate, short-term, summer housing

- a. Craigslist
- b. Campusrent.com
- c. Uloop.com
- d. Oodle.com
- e. PadMapper.com

General Tips

Check with your supervisor and ask about neighborhoods. It's hard to know where you want to be when you're going to a new city. Any insider information can be helpful. You can also check out sites like walkscore.com, which is helpful for walkability and transit.

Consider sharing a room. Your summer experience is short. Sharing a room will keep your costs down. If you're heading abroad, consider a homestay. It can be a great way to immerse yourself in the culture and practice your language skills.

Tips from Past Cardinal Quarter Participants for Finding Housing in Popular Cities

San Francisco Bay Area

East Bay

Most Cardinal Quarter participants working on fellowships lived in Berkeley or Oakland. They had a variety of housing arrangements, varying from participating in co-ops to subletting to traditional rentals.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Subletting from UC Berkeley students
- Berkeley co-ops
- Social media housing groups
- Living on campus as a mentor for the High School Summer College program

Peninsula

Generally, Cardinal Quarter fellows living and working in the Peninsula area (Palo Alto, Redwood City, Mountain View, etc) have found housing through Stanford-related resources and housing groups.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Stanford summer housing
- Local housing websites such SU Post
- Facebook groups such as Free & For Sale
- Keeping an eye out for opportunities through mailing lists, particularly as the summer draws closer and older students are looking for subletters
- Connecting with family, friends, acquaintances, or Stanford alumni in the area
- Asking coworkers and supervisors for housing leads

San Francisco

Generally, fellows working in San Francisco have found housing through personal connections or through social media housing groups.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Friends/Family connections
- Stanford alums

South Bay

Generally, Cardinal Quarter fellows living and working in the South Bay area (San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara) have found housing through Stanford-related resources and groups.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Stanford summer housing

- Connecting with family, friends, acquaintances, or Stanford alumni in the area
- Local housing websites such as SU Post

Boulder

Fellows placed in the Boulder, Colorado area have typically found housing through local university resources and by teaming up with members of their cohort.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Asking coworkers and supervisors for housing leads
- Connecting with family, friends, acquaintances, or Stanford alumni in the area
- Local housing websites such as Housing Helpers (housinghelpers.com), and Ralphie's List (ralphieslist.colorado.edu)

New York City

For fellows living and working in New York, there are many different ways to find housing. Popular methods include leveraging universities in the city, personal connections, and social media housing groups.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Subletting through university students or university summer housing (Marymount, Cooper Union, Columbia, NYU, School of Visual Arts)
- Facebook groups for NYC summer housing
- Finding housing through friends

Sacramento

Cardinal Quarter fellows living and working in Sacramento have typically found housing through personal connections and local housing websites.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- UC Davis's housing resources
- Local housing websites
- Connecting with family, friends, acquaintances, or Stanford alumni in the area
- Asking supervisors or coworkers for housing leads

Washington, D.C.

In Washington, D.C., many fellows lived at the Stanford in Washington house, though this can be expensive. Others leveraged local universities, personal contacts or used social media to find housing.

In the past, students have found housing through:

- Stanford in Washington
- Housing at local universities (either through sublets or summer housing): George Washington University, Georgetown, American University
- Local housing websites and social media groups (Facebook – such as “Georgetown Summer Sublet”)
- Popular neighborhoods include: DuPont Circle, Logan Circle and Columbia Heights
- Also Rockville and Bowie in Maryland and Arlington, Virginia
- Washington Intern Student Housing (internsdc.com)
- International Student House (ishdc.org)
- Thompson Markwood Hall (women only)