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## **Pre-Arrival Topic: Housing & Accommodations**

Dear New International Student,

We are thrilled to welcome you to our beautiful campus in the upcoming semester! One of the most important topics of interest for international students is housing and accommodation. Whether you are studying or simply relaxing, the place that you'll be returning to in between your classes is an essential space which contributes to your personal wellbeing and academic success.

Finding suitable housing arrangements can sometimes be challenging when coming to a new country. Therefore, we encourage you to read this email for some tips and things to consider when planning your living arrangements while you are a student at Texas State University (TXST).



1: The office building for the TXST Department of Housing and Residential Life (DHRL)

## **Did you know that TXST has an entire department dedicated to housing?**

The Department of Housing and Residential Life (DHRL) is a wonderful resource for students like you who are considering the options for where to live during their studies. Their website has plenty of information including answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs). You can find DHRL's website here:

<https://www.reslife.txst.edu>

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### ***Question: Should I live on or off-campus?***

Because of a range of factors, TXST has a housing policy that limits eligibility to live on campus. To read this policy, please visit the following link: <https://www.reslife.txst.edu/get-started/policy.html>. We'll summarize it below:

TXST has a housing policy that requires new first year students under the age of 20 (by September 1 for Fall admission or January 1 for Spring admission) with fewer than 30 credit hours to live in on-campus university housing. All students who graduated from high school within the preceding 12 months of the semester of their admission are also required to live on campus.

Availability of our on-campus housing options is limited for students that do not fall under the housing policy. We urge students who are interested in living on campus to contact DHRL for more information. Their contact information is below:

Housing & Residential Life  
515 N. Comanche  
San Marcos, Texas 78666  
Phone: 512-245-4663  
Email: [reslife@txstate.edu](mailto:reslife@txstate.edu)

If on-campus housing is not available for or desirable to you, the DHRL also offers a sophisticated online search tool for locating off-campus housing! The link for that service can be found here: <https://offcampushousing.txstate.edu>. Additionally, the Off-Campus Living Office can be contacted at the following:

Off-Campus Living  
Phone: 512-245-5595  
Email: [offcampusliving@txstate.edu](mailto:offcampusliving@txstate.edu)

If you are not able to secure off-campus housing through the [Off-Campus Market portal](#), you can send an email to [reslife@txstate.edu](mailto:reslife@txstate.edu) and request assistance. We strongly encourage you to finalize your housing accommodations prior to arriving on-campus. However, if you are unable to do so and you need assistance upon arrival, you can contact Housing and Residential Life at [reslife@txstate.edu](mailto:reslife@txstate.edu) or call 512-245-4663.

### **Our concluding thoughts...**



Remember the Pre-Arrival Packet we sent along with your I-20? It contains this information and much more, so be sure to read it! Also, be on the lookout for communications about the upcoming Pre-arrival Sessions. The details will also be posted on our website here: <https://www.international.txst.edu/new-f-1-students/pre-arrival-session.html>.

These informational sessions are a resource for you as an international student and provide you with the opportunity to ask your questions and meet some of the staff here at International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)!

**We hope to see you at an upcoming Pre-arrival Session!**