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Countdown #2: Housing

Sarah, our housing application is now open for Regular Decision students! Scroll for next steps and information about living on campus; RISD's Residence Life site is also a great place to reference for tutorials and guides, detailed views of our [residence halls](#), and more.

RISD is committed to planning a safe and successful fall semester even with the ongoing uncertainties we face with COVID-19. We are currently considering different housing scenarios to provide students with a residential experience that balances artistic and personal development with community, individual safety and adhering to public health guidelines. Given that we are in the midst of new plans with safety at the forefront, we have decided to delay room selection for new students until our plans are complete later this

many room selections for new students when our plans are complete later this summer.

Although the selection of specific rooms will be delayed, you should still log in to the housing portal to fill out your housing application. The application process will provide you the opportunity to indicate your desired room and residence hall type. It will also allow you to provide lifestyle preferences such as whether you like your room clean or messy, whether you are an early riser or love to stay up late.

While it is highly unlikely students will live in traditional configurations given new public health realities, we anticipate having some larger spaces that could accommodate more than one student and still provide for social distancing. The housing application will allow you to identify a desired roommate should one of these spaces be available and deemed appropriate. If you know now you prefer a single, you may also indicate that.

We'll continue to update you about next steps as often as we can in these challenging times. Remember that your incoming student portal login username is still the email address you used to apply with. Questions? We're happy to help: welcome@risd.edu.

Instructions

RISD Residence Life is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive spaces including comfortable bedrooms, social lounges and community gathering spaces, areas for quiet study and reflection, and workrooms to engage in making. Find more information and resources at our [Residence Life site](#) and [FAQ page](#).

Next steps

1. Complete an online housing application, which is linked to in your [incoming student portal](#).
2. Indicate your desired room and residence hall type and complete your profile with lifestyle preferences.

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Support and more

Support and Accommodations

Residence Life staff work together to provide an inclusive environment of learning and transformation with an emphasis on knowledge of and care for self, active community engagement, and social justice that encourages the development of responsible critical makers.

If you have a medical need that requires a housing accommodation, please follow guidelines here: [Medical Housing Accommodations](#).

We also offer a range of housing options for transgender and gender non-conforming residents. and if you're interested in learning more about these

options, please contact Anu Meschisen, Associate Director for Housing Operations, at ameschis@risd.edu.

Resident Advisors (RA)

An essential part of the Residence Life team, RAs are undergraduate or graduate students who live within an assigned community with a group of residents. RAs create and maintain an inclusive community by building genuine relationships with their residents. RAs also positively influence residents' growth and development by planning and implementing programs and community building activities. RAs also provide on-call coverage and serve as a resource for their residents.

Advocates for Inclusion in Residence (AIR)

Each residential area has one AIR. The AIR is an undergraduate or graduate student who works to strengthen the living and learning environment and advance the creation of an inclusive community by building relationships with residents. They plan and implement educational, cultural, social, and personal enrichment programs that promote dialogue, the ideals of social justice, and cultural awareness.



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