

Housing Options for Students Interning in Washington, DC

If you are planning on interning in the nation's capital over the summer, this guide is for you. Like most major cities, cost of living is high in Washington, DC; however, housing costs typically decrease the farther you are from the downtown area. It is important to consider higher commuting fees you will be paying by living farther away, so it may end up being worth it and less expensive in the long run to live in the city. Also, don't forget about **Washington, D.C.'s 14.5% tax on short-term housing, which is not included in the prices listed below unless otherwise noted.**

There is limited and expensive city parking, so most interns make use of the city's extensive **Metro bus and rail system.**

The city is arranged in quadrants—NW, NE, SE and SW—with the Capitol building at the center of them. It is important to keep in mind not only proximity to your internship, but also **proximity to the city-center for social and networking opportunities.**

Make sure to **start planning early!** As the summer approaches, housing options tend to fill up.

Besides the options below, many students use Facebook pages to rent rooms from students at DC universities (ex. American University Housing, Sublets & Roommates)

****The following prices and details listed below are for Summer 2017, and are subject to change in following years.****



Student Housing Options

American University

4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016

Phone: 202-885-3370

american.edu/ocl/housing/ucgs/summerinternhousing.cfm

6 week min. stay is required

Non-refundable \$200 deposit

American University offers singles and doubles in two dorming halls. The rooms include a single room in a shared apartment at \$405/week to a double room in a traditional hall at \$345/week. All rentals are from May 1 to August 12. Rates and payments, along with layout plans can be found [here](#). Meal plans are available at an additional cost. The closest Metro stop is Tenleytown/AU (red line).

George Washington University

2350 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Phone: 202-994-6883

summerhousing.gwu.edu/individuals

7 week min. stay

\$150 admin. fee + a deposit that is a percentage of total housing cost (after April, the percentage is 50 percent)

George Washington University has a selection of triples, quads and doubles ranging from \$245/week to \$336/week depending on the duration of the stay. Singles start at \$280/week. The closest Metro stop is Foggy Bottom-GWU (blue, orange and silver lines).

The Catholic University of America

620 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20064

Phone: 202-319-5291

conferences.cua.edu/summer

6 week min. stay

\$5 processing fee

The Catholic University of America offers traditional double and single rooms. Double are \$40/day or \$280/week and singles are \$48/day or \$336/week. The closest Metro stop is Brookland-CUA (red line).

Georgetown University

100 Harbin Hall, Washington, DC 20057

Phone: 202-687-4560

studentliving.georgetown.edu/summer

4 week min. stay

Georgetown University offers singles and doubles in Henle Village. If staying more than seven weeks, rent is \$392/week for a single and \$322/week for a double. If staying less than seven weeks, the prices increase to \$420 and \$350, respectively. While Georgetown is not near a Metro stop, there are buses and shuttles that run near campus.

Gallaudet University

800 Florida Avenue NE, Washington, DC 20064

Phone: 202-250-2002

gallaudet.edu/residence-life-and-housing/visitor-housing

Due to residence hall renovations, Gallaudet University is not providing intern housing for Summer 2017. In years past, however, the university has provided rooms that can fit two to four twin size beds. The rate is \$36 per night. Each room comes with desks, chairs, closets, dressers and night stands. The closest Metro stop is NoMa-Galludet U (red line).

Howard University

2401 4th Street NW, Washington DC, 20059

Phone: 202-806-9531

howard.edu/residencelife/summerconferencehousing2017.htm

Howard University offers summer housing in two locations: **Howard Plaza Towers** and **College Hall South**. Depending on location, the rates range between \$35 and \$55/night. The closest Metro stop is Shaw-Howard U (green and yellow lines).

George Mason University

4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Phone: 703-993-1000

housing.gmu.edu/summer-mason/intern-housing

Deposit of \$275

4 week min. stay

George Mason University offers a single room in an apartment for \$266/week. There is a free shuttle bus that runs to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metro stop (orange line). Applications are available on April 1.

Non-University Housing Options

The Washington Intern Housing Network (WIHN)

Phone: 202-579-9446

thewihn.com

\$200 deposit

The Washington Intern Housing Network offers housing in various locations in DC. Rates do include taxes and more info can be found [online](#). Pricing in row homes for the fall session range from \$4,040 for a quad to \$6,240 for a single. For condominiums, prices range from \$4,800 for a quad to \$6,090 for a single. Doubles and triples are also available, and all options include utilities, high speed internet, cable and monthly cleaning of common areas. The summer session generally lasts from May 22 to August 15.

Washington Intern Student Housing (WISH)

Phone: 202-548-2720

internsdc.com

\$200 deposit

WISH offers 35 intern-only properties in the historic district of Capitol Hill, just blocks from the U.S. Capitol. The two types of living arrangements are town homes and apartments. Shared rooms and private rooms are available in either style. Town homes or row houses are co-ed by floors and can accommodate eight to 12 interns each. Apartments range from studio layouts to 1-3 bedroom apartments and accommodate two to six interns each offering single or shared bedrooms. Pricing ranges from \$3,800 to \$6,960, depending on the type of housing. Check their website for more detailed information and the application [process](#).

Thompson-Markward Hall **For Women Only******

Young Women's Christian Home

235 Second Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

Phone: 202-546-3255

tmhdc.org

Thompson-Markward Hall (TMH) houses women between the ages of 18-35, with a minimum stay of two weeks up to a maximum stay of two years. Rent is \$34 per night. This rate includes utilities, local telephone calls with voicemail, wireless Internet and major meals (breakfast and dinner Monday through Saturday and Sunday brunch). After applying and offered a room, a non-refundable \$250 reservation fee is due.

International Student House **Must Be 21 or Over******

1825 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

Phone: 202-232-4007

ishdc.org

The International Student House, a non-profit organization in the heart of Washington, DC, provides an exceptional residential experience to a highly diverse international community of graduate students, interns and visiting scholars. You must be at least 21 years of age to live at the International Student House, and though students are given housing preference, full-time interns are also encouraged to apply. Specific pricing and application information is located on the International Student House website. Room fees include meals, Internet, utilities and laundry facilities. Take this into consideration when comparing prices.

Alternative Options

When using third-party housing sites, be sure to select “short term” and “fully furnished” in the search options.

Craigslist: Washington, DC

washingtondc.craigslist.org

The Washington Post

washingtonpost.com/rentals

The Washington City Paper

washingtoncitypaper.com

Move.com

move.com/apartments/washington_district-of-columbia

Sublet.com

sublet.com

ApartmentGuide.com

apartmentguide.com

Airbnb

airbnb.com/locations/washington-dc

Facebook

Many students have utilized housing Facebook groups at DC area universities to find summer housing. Students regularly sublet their rooms or have roommates move out in the summer.

Tips

When looking for housing in DC, there are various factors to consider in addition to rent when estimating final cost. It is important to keep in mind the cost of food and public transportation.

Questions to ask:

If you choose to stay at a university, how much is the extra meal plan? Can you cook your own meals?

Where is your housing in location to your internship? How long and how much is the cost of your commute? Check out [WMATA's \(DC Metro\) website](#) before you make the move to DC.

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