

Accommodation Guide for Students



Whilst we do not have any halls of residence on campus, we are able to direct you to our preferred partners who can offer various types of accommodation within easy travelling distance of ARU London.

In London there are many different types of Student Accommodation to suit every budget, style and preference. The main types of student accommodation consist of private student halls, house or flat shares, bedsits/studios and lodgings.

LHA London

- For 80 years, LHA have provided young people and students long-term, accommodation they love, and can afford. Here, you can familiarise yourself, socialise and decide whether or not to make London your permanent home. All without breaking the bank!

Website: <https://lhalondon.com/>

Unite Students - Stratford One

Stratford One is located close to the London Stadium and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

Website: <https://www.unitestudents.com/london/stratford-one>

Spot a home

- Spotahome is the first platform designed for direct booking of accommodation of more than one month, taking away one of the biggest headaches for people planning to move abroad

Website: <https://www.spotahome.com/>

AFS Accommodation for Students

- Officially Partnered with many other sites including Funky student, MSN Student, and Landlord Zone

Website: <https://www.accommodationforstudents.com/>

Student Pad

- PadsforStudents is the UK's largest student accommodation search engine, offering thousands of student properties across the UK.
- PadsforStudents features in all the major search engines and hosts more unique content than any other student accommodation website. Our aim is to ensure a consistently high quality of our property listings and we list some of the best, and most luxurious rental accommodation in the UK whilst making sure we have a property to suit all budgets.

Website: <https://www.padsforstudents.co.uk/properties/list/>

Accommodation for single parents

If you are not working or working on a low income, you may be able to get help with rent from the government.

If you choose to live with your family or friends, you can still claim benefits as a single parent.

If you rent from a private landlord, you may get help with rent cost by applying for housing benefits

Before committing to a tenancy, you may want to find out if you're able to get housing benefits or universal credit to help with the rent.

If you already receive housing benefit or universal credit you may qualify for a discretionary housing payment from your local council to help to pay a deposit/rent in advance/removal costs. This does not have to be repaid.

Useful link: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>.

If you receive income-related benefits like jobseeker's allowance, you may qualify for a budgeting loan from Jobcentre Plus to pay rent in advance. The loan is repayable and must be repaid within a two-year period, but no interest is charged.

You can download the online form from: <https://www.gov.uk/budgeting-help-benefits>.

You can get housing advice from the SHELTER:

- contact number if you're under 25 years old: 0330 053 6091
- contact number if you're 25 years or over: 0344 515 1540

Or you can visit the Shelter website:

https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help/local_services/london,

If urgent, you can see a Shelter Adviser at one of their offices.

1. Shelter London Hackney - 4 Tyssen Street, London, E8 2FJ
2. Shelter London Newham - Stratford Advice Arcade, 107-109 The Grove, Stratford, London, E15 1HP
3. Shelter London Islington - Resources for London, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA

If there is an emergency and you need urgent help with housing, you can call the Helpline 0808 800 4444.

Housing Advice: Coronavirus

If your personal and financial situation has been affected by COVID-19, there are various options available to ensure you still have safe and affordable housing. If you need advice on your entitlements please visit the Shelter website.

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/coronavirus

**Should you need further information, please use LiveChat or email the iCentre
Email: iCentre@london.aru.ac.uk**