

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.

Britannia Student Services

Offer a wide range of student accommodation in London, with a choice of options to suit your needs.

Contact number: 020 7436 7738

Website: <https://britanniastudents.com>

London Homestays

A homestay is a cultural exchange between a local individual or family (called a host) a common choice for international students.

The student lives as a guest in the home, similar to a member of the family or a visiting friend.

- You need to fill in an online application and you will get a response within 24-48 hours with a selection of host family profiles matching your requirements.
- The application can be made through: <http://londonhomestays.com/apply-for-homestay/>

Unite Students - Stratford One

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

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

Student-friendly hotels and hostels

The Z Hotel City & Tottenham Court Road

T: +44 (0) 20 3551 3718

E: city@thezhotels.com

Gallery Hyde Park Hostel

T: 020 7243 2999

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**