



Student Accommodation

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Accommodation

Do you need to find somewhere to live? Sorting out accommodation can be a bit tricky as an international student, because things might work quite differently here than they do in your home country. Don't worry! We are here to help.

Leaders Institute Student Association (LISA) can help you access a range of long and short term housing opportunities to suit different budgets using the links provided. Some of your options include private rentals, student hostels, student apartments and homestays.

LISA offers links to accommodation websites for all students, where you can access all sorts of information and opportunities. This is your next stop when you've finished reading this page!

You will be able to click on the following website links:

- <https://www.studyqueensland.qld.gov.au/Live/Accommodation>
 - <https://www.homestaynetwork.org/brisbane-pricing/>
- http://www.choosebrisbane.com.au/study/news-and-events/articles/student-accommodation-in-brisbane?sc_lang=en-au
 - Explore different housing options
 - Find long term accommodation
 - and more!

But first ...

Here are a few good things to know about finding accommodation in Australia.

Do	Don't
<p>Plan ahead – allow plenty of time to research your options</p> <p>Know your rights and obligations as a renter in Queensland. You might like to take a look at tenancy information in your own language to wrap your head around what's involved when it comes to renting in Queensland.</p> <p>Understand the details of the lease/contract before agreeing to it. If unsure, get advice from us or from https://tenantsqld.org.au/need-advice/</p> <p>Avoid rental scams on social networking and external share accommodation websites.</p>	<p>Rent accommodation without a written lease/contract.</p> <p>Pay any money (for example rent or a bond) without getting a receipt.</p> <p>Commit to share accommodation without first clarifying 'house rules' (cleaning, bills, etc) with housemates</p>

Need some help?

Contact a Student Support Officer; We're here to help give you the best possible experience at Leaders Institute.

Temporary Accommodation

Do you need temporary accommodation, while you look for a place to live during your studies? Perhaps you are commencing your studies or you are a researcher visiting Leaders Institute needing to make accommodation arrangements.

Whatever your situation, there are various options to choose from:

- Student accommodation;
- Homestay;
- Backpacker hostels;
- Hotels;
- Serviced apartments

-Book early to avoid disappointment.

If you are unsure about your temporary accommodation options, please contact us for advice and assistance.

When looking for temporary accommodation, you may want to stay close to your campus. You can use [Whereels](#) or [Google Maps](#) to locate the accommodation before making a booking.

Top Tips for Choosing Accommodation

So you're coming to study at Leaders Institute Congratulations! Brisbane is a great place to live and study.

Making the right accommodation choice can take time. But it's worth it, if you want an enjoyable, trouble-free experience.

We want you to have a fantastic time in Sunny Brisbane. So follow our tips in the video below and enjoy your stay!

Your Needs and Priorities

Make a list of what you are looking for. Here are some key considerations.

Where do you want to live?

Consider the following issues:

- location of your main campus
- location of friends, regular work or recreational commitments may affect your choice
- facilities nearby e.g. public transport, shops, medical

How independent are you?

This is important in determining the type of accommodation best suited to you. How will you cope with the following?

- cooking for yourself
- connecting utilities and paying the bills
- doing household chores
- negotiating with the landlord/agent regarding your lease, maintenance issues, etc.

Are you considering share-accommodation?

Sharing accommodation can be good for your budget and can provide you with a valuable support network. Make sure that you avoid the common pitfalls of house-sharing.

What is your budget?

Try to avoid spending more than 30% of your income on rent, if possible.

- remember to budget for the security bond (usually four weeks' rent) and advance rent (usually two weeks' rent)
- budget for the connection and use of utilities (electricity, water, gas, telephone and internet)
- unfurnished housing may appear cheaper, but you will need to buy furniture and household equipment
- rents in Brisbane City are normally more expensive than in the suburbs, but you may be saving on the cost of public transport, as well as travelling time.

Make a realistic list of your housing needs

Compare your list with the Housing options available.

- <https://studentone.com/>
- <https://iglu.com.au/brisbane/>
- <https://urbanest.com.au/>
- <https://atira.com/>
- <https://www.scape.com/en-au/student-accommodation/brisbane>
- <https://www.unilodge.com.au/>
- <https://www.unilodge.com.au/the-manors>
- <https://www.homestaynetwork.org/>
- <https://hivestudentaccommodation.com.au/>
- <https://www.precinq.com.au/>
- <https://www.genesis1.com.au/>
- <https://www.uniresort.com.au/>
- <https://www.domain.com.au/>
- <https://www.realestate.com.au/rent/>
- <https://flatmates.com.au/>
- <https://www.airbnb.com.au/>
- <https://www.yha.com.au/Hostels/QLD/Brisbane-Surrounds/Brisbane-Backpackers-Hostel/>
- <https://www.hostelworld.com/>

Housing Options

Here's what you can expect in different types of accommodation. Which type(s) would suit you?

	Leaders Institute Accommodation by Quest	Homestay	Student hostels	Student apartments	Private rental
Fully furnished room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies
Meals included	Self-cater	Yes	Self - cater	Self - cater	Self - cater
Electricity, water, gas included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies	Varies
Internet included	Yes	Yes	Varies	Varies	Varies
Book in advance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Arrange in Adelaide
Pastoral care	Support available	Yes	Independent living	Independent living	Independent living
Location	Woolloongabba	Varies	Varies	Close to campuses	Varies
Rent per week	\$200 - \$370	\$250 - \$310	\$140 - \$200	\$150 - \$390	\$100 - \$250

Note: Rents are per person per week, and may change. They are intended only as a guide.

Make sure you are aware of your rights and responsibilities.

How to Avoid Rental Scams

Beware of false rental advertisements on the internet.

Interested in student accommodation (Student Hostels, Student Apartments or Homestay)? Ensure that you are dealing with the genuine property managers. Use some of the links provided on the Leaders Institute [Accommodation Links](#) page.

Looking for private rental housing?

- Be very suspicious of offers that seem too good to be true
- Insist on personally inspecting the interior of the property. You should only arrange this type of accommodation when you are in Brisbane
- Do not pay any money until you have inspected the property, met the landlord and are satisfied that the offer is genuine. If paying in cash, insist on a receipt at the time of payment
- Do not send money eg. via money transfer, which is untraceable
- Use recommended lease agreements and forms in English
- If unsure, contact us for advice

Please report scammers to [ACCC Scamwatch](#).

Leaders Institute Support Services

We have a number of services if you need advice or are experiencing difficulties with your housing.

Accommodation Services

Searching for accommodation? Take a look at the wide range of options on the [Accommodation Links](#) page and click on the website links provided. Make direct contact with the providers or contact us for advice.

If you are having problems with your accommodation, or just need a bit of advice, we can help. Contact us.

Visa and Migration Advice

Confidential, MARA Agent advice available. Contact One World Migration & Education for an appointment.

www.oneworldeducation.com

info@oneworldeducation.com.au

Contact: +61 414 017 599



LISA

Make contact with other like-minded Leaders Institute students through LISA clubs.

Contact Student Support Officer for more information.