

Residential Accommodation Allocation 2026/27

University Accommodation is provided in Guildford for a full academic year (approx. 38 weeks) for undergraduate students or a full year (approx. 50/51 weeks) for postgraduate students. Any accommodation guarantees or priorities only apply to students taking up accommodation, from the start of the academic year in September 2026; **Surrey must be their firm choice before being able to apply for accommodation.**

New Students

- New undergraduate students who hold the University of Surrey as their **firm choice** are guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided they have applied for accommodation by **25 July 2026**.
- New undergraduate students who hold the University of Surrey as their **insurance choice** are guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided the University of Surrey is updated to their firm choice and they have applied for accommodation by **15 August 2026**.
- New undergraduate students who apply through Clearing who have made the University of Surrey their **firm choice** will be prioritised for accommodation, provided they have applied for accommodation by **20 August 2026**.
- All new undergraduate students must meet their formal academic offer by **20 August 2026** to be eligible for any guarantees or priorities.
- New students joining an International Exchange Programme are guaranteed if they have applied by **25 July 2026**.
- New postgraduate students starting in September 2026, including those who are progressing from an undergraduate taught programme, are guaranteed accommodation, provided the following conditions are met by **3 August 2026**:
 1. Applied for accommodation.
 2. Met the conditions of their formal academic offer.
 3. The University is in receipt of the required academic fee deposit.
- New postgraduate research students are guaranteed a place in accommodation if starting in September 2026 (above conditions apply). Starters outside of this date will be prioritised for accommodation, but are subject to availability.
- Students whose specific requirements meet the criteria set out by the Disability and Neuroinclusion team will be guaranteed a place in accommodation, provided they apply by their deadline, Undergraduates **25 July 2026** and Postgraduates **3 August 2026**.
- Students starting a programme at the Surrey International Study Centre are guaranteed accommodation provided they have applied by **25 July 2026**.
- New undergraduate and postgraduate students who applied after the deadline will be allocated after the guaranteed students; this is subject to availability.

Returning Students

The following groups of returning undergraduate and postgraduate students are guaranteed accommodation provided they apply by **1 March 2026**:

- Students whose specific requirements meet the criteria set out by the Disability and Neuroinclusion team.
- All other returning students can apply for accommodation, but are not guaranteed.

Priorities

Once the group listed above have been allocated, the remaining students who applied by **1 March 2026** will be offered any available accommodation as follows:

Priority 1: Students progressing from a Foundation Year to an undergraduate programme

Priority 2: Students returning after a period of temporary withdrawal in their first year of study

Priority 3: Students returning from a Professional Training Year abroad

Priority 4: Students returning from Professional Training Year in the UK

Priority 5: Students returning after temporary withdrawal in their second year and above.

Priority 6: Final year undergraduate students

Priority 7: All other returning students

Conditions

- This procedure is reviewed annually and is subject to change.
- 'New' refers to students who have not previously studied at the University of Surrey. Students who have completed a course at Surrey International Study Centre are considered 'new students'
- Accommodation guarantees/priorities only extend to unaccompanied students applying for a single room. We are unable to guarantee the availability of accommodation for partners or families, as this is very limited.
- University accommodation can be provided both on and off the University campuses, in accommodation that is owned or managed by the University or provided on the University's behalf by a third party.
- Accommodation guarantees/priorities only extend to the academic year in which the application was submitted.
- Accommodation is only confirmed after an offer is formally accepted and the advanced prepayment is received.
- Students who are not eligible for accommodation include those on a placement year, studying part-time, writing up, assessment only, resitting part of their course, absent or withdrawn.
- The University reserves the right not to accommodate a student based on outstanding debts or the outcome of previous disciplinary processes.