



# HOUSE HUNTING TIPS & FURNISHED TEMPORARY HOUSING



## Graduate & Professional Students

Durham has many off-campus housing options available to Graduate and Professional Students enrolled at Duke University. Students can begin their search using the recommendations below. We suggest you answer the following questions before beginning your search:

- *How much can you afford for rent each month?*
- *Do you need to live within walking distance of Duke?*
- *Do you prefer to live alone or with others? Note: Living alone will be considerably more expensive.*

## Recommendations on Places to Look for Housing Off-Campus

- **Duke List:** <http://dukelist.duke.edu>
- **Near Duke:** [www.nearduke.com/housing](http://www.nearduke.com/housing)
- **International House Email List Serv:** <http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ihouse/join-email-listserv> Scroll down to *International House List Serv* and join there. Once your membership is approved, you can send a message to: [intlhouse@duke.edu](mailto:intlhouse@duke.edu)
- **Duke Off Campus Housing:** <https://offcampushousing.duke.edu>
- **Non-Duke related websites:** [www.zillow.com/duke-university-durham-nc/apartments](http://www.zillow.com/duke-university-durham-nc/apartments) & [www.trulia.com/for\\_rent/Durham,NC/](http://www.trulia.com/for_rent/Durham,NC/)

## Shared Housing Options (Very Common!)

### Roommates

Having a roommate is one of the cheaper housing alternatives. It is typical in the United States for students who do not know each other to share a house or an apartment. Normally you have your own bedroom and share the rest of the house or apartment. Generally, apartments are not furnished in the United States. But it is easy to obtain furniture.

### Private Homes

Students sometimes rent a room in a private home of a Durham resident. Typically a student will have general use of the entire house. Bath and/or toilet facilities may be private or shared with the family. Be sure to ask what will be included if you are thinking of renting a room in someone's home. Prices range from \$450-\$700/month.

**Tips/Suggestions for living with others:** Be as clear as possible about expectations before moving in! Be very specific about what will be shared and what will be private. Discuss the obligation of bills, including utilities. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the personal habits of the people with whom you will be living. Your expectations and your housemate's expectations very likely will not be the same. Be sure to discuss topics of concern such as cooking, cleaning, visitors, policy for having people over, etc. Ask questions such as: Are you a smoker? Do you study late? Get up early? Have a boyfriend/girlfriend? It is okay to ask these types of personal questions.

## Furnished Temporary Housing in Durham

### Bell West End

605 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham 27701

Email: [westend@bellpartnersinc.com](mailto:westend@bellpartnersinc.com)

Furnished apartments upon request for an additional charge. It is furniture only. You must obtain kitchen items, bath items, etc. The minimum lease is three months. If you are here for less than one year, you will pay an extra \$100 per month.

**Rates for one-year lease (approximate):** \$1040 per month for Studio; \$1300 per month for One-Bedroom; \$1800 per month for Two-Bedroom.

[www.bellapartmentliving.com/nc/durham/bell-west-end/](http://www.bellapartmentliving.com/nc/durham/bell-west-end/)

919.813.4301

### Duke Tower Condominium Hotel

807 West Trinity Ave., Durham 27701

Email: [reserve@duketower.com](mailto:reserve@duketower.com)

Fully furnished condo/hotel with full kitchen (basic pots & pans, towels, linens). Internet/WiFi, cable TV, and utilities included in rent. No telephone in the room. Coin operated laundry facilities on site. Pets permitted for a \$100 fee and \$150 pet deposit. Large outdoor swimming pool. Walking distance to East Campus. No office is located on the property, but they do have a 24-hour number you can call if there is a problem.

**RATE:** \$1200/month (no nightly rates)

<http://duketower.com>

919.687.4444

**Extended Stay America**      <http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/property/extended-stay-america-durham-university-hotel.html>

3105 Tower Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina 27707

919.489.8444

Email: [dur2@extendedstay.com](mailto:dur2@extendedstay.com)

Fully-equipped kitchens, TV, bedding, shuttle service to/from Duke (7am – 6:30pm).

**RATES:** \$50.99-\$59.49/night for 2 people, \$46.74 - \$55.24/night for 1 person + tax.

Note: Please use the Company Code *DUKE UNIVERSITY* when calling or writing the hotel.

**University Inn (one block from Duke Hospital)**

<http://www.universityinnduke.com/>

502 Elf Street, Durham 27705

919.286.4421

Email: [uireservations@aol.com](mailto:uireservations@aol.com)

**RATE:** University Inn offers a Duke Medical Rate of \$74/night for standard room or \$84/night for suite. Plus 13.5% tax. If you stay for one week, rate drops to \$64/night standard or \$79/night suite. If you stay for one month, the rate drops to \$50/night standard or \$60/month Suite. They have a shuttle service that will take you to the university/hospital as well as local grocery stores Monday-Friday, 7am – 9pm. They also have coin-operated washer/dryers.

**Extended Stay America: University: Ivy Creek**      [www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/nc/raleigh-durham/university-ivy-creek-blvd](http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/nc/raleigh-durham/university-ivy-creek-blvd)

1920 Ivy Creek Boulevard, Durham 27707

919.402.1700

E-mail: [dur@extendedstay.com](mailto:dur@extendedstay.com)

Fully equipped kitchens and coffee bar in mornings.

**RATE:** 1-6 days is \$53/night; 7-29 days is \$45/night; 30 plus days is \$39/night, PLUS 12.5% tax.

Note: Please use the Company Code *DUKE* when calling or writing the hotel. There is a direct shuttle van to Duke & back 7 days a week.

**Millennium Hotel**

[www.millenniumhotels.com](http://www.millenniumhotels.com)

2800 Campus Walk Avenue, Durham 27705

919.383.8575

Email: [durham@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:durham@millenniumhotels.com)

Offers shuttle service to Duke as well as other areas close to campus. Onsite restaurant, lounge, room service, indoor pool and exercise facility.

**RATE:** 90 plus nights: \$60 per night plus 13.5% tax. Less than 90 days, then call for prices.

**Residence Inn Durham McPherson/Duke University Medical Center**

[www.residenceinndurham](http://www.residenceinndurham.com)

1108 West Main Street, Durham 27701

919.680.4440

Email: [Maria.Eaton@marriott.com](mailto:Maria.Eaton@marriott.com)

Apartment style suites with full-sized kitchens and living areas. Kitchens include large refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, stove, coffeemaker, toaster, and more. Complimentary hot breakfast and free WiFi. Indoor pool. Shuttle service available daily from 7:30am – 9:00pm.

**RATE:** 30 plus nights: \$105-\$124/night for one bedroom and \$209-\$219/night for two bedroom. All Rooms add 12.5% tax. Ask for the Duke rate.

**Oakwood Community Housing**

<http://www.oakwood.com>

This company contracts with numerous apartment complexes in the triangle area. Go to the website and search for apartments in Durham, NC. Oakwood furnishes one, two and three-bedroom apartments in several of the higher-end apartment communities near Duke. Expect to pay at least \$2000 a month for a one-bedroom, if not more.

**SpringHill Suites by Marriott**

[www.marriott.com/rdurl](http://www.marriott.com/rdurl)

5310 McFarland Drive, Durham 27707

919.403.1111

Email: Laura Pelletier at [shsd.dos@cmchotels.com](mailto:shsd.dos@cmchotels.com)

Separate living & sleeping areas. Mini refrigerator and microwave. Free hot breakfast buffet, free WiFi, Japanese TV, fitness center, indoor pool and Jacuzzi.

**RATE:** Special Duke rate is 17% off price, \$99/night. Plus 12.5% tax. Rate drops down to \$77 a night if you stay for more than 30 days. Price is subject to change. Must rent a car as it is a 10-minute drive to Duke or take Bus #400.