Rutgers Housing for Students with Disabilities

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is committed to providing equal educational opportunity and to support the full participation of students with disabilities in our campus community. Accordingly, Rutgers provides reasonable and appropriate housing accommodations to students with disabilities who choose to live on-campus. Applicants with questions or concerns about living on campus as a student with a disability are encouraged to contact, at their very first opportunity, staff in the Office of Disability Services at (732) 932-2848.

Deadlines for Submission of DARF

**New Rutgers University Students:** On or before June 1.

**Currently Enrolled Students:** Prior to the room selection process on your campus, whether you have previously applied to the committee or not.

**Requests for Immediate Reassigned Due to New Disability:** At any time. While every effort will be made to accommodate approved requests, availability of suitable space may be limited.

All requests are reviewed by the Housing Disabilities Accommodations Review Committee at their bi-weekly meeting. DARF’s submitted after the relevant deadline will be reviewed, and if approved, implemented on a space/equipment available basis. Students will ordinarily receive notification of the Committee’s determination within 30 business days.

----- Disability Housing FAQs -----

**What factors does the Housing Disabilities Accommodations Review Committee consider in evaluating a request?**

The Committee will consider all the following in evaluating each request:

- Does the information submitted on the Housing Disabilities Accommodation Request Form (DARF) clearly demonstrate that the student is eligible for accommodations due to a “disability” as defined under applicable law?
- What is the relationship between the accommodations requested and the documented disability?
- What accommodations would effectively support the student’s residence on campus?

**What on-campus housing accommodations does Rutgers provide?**

Examples of accommodations Rutgers may provide are:

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1 Please note: Students with temporary conditions would not generally be eligible for special housing unless the limitations on functioning are severe and the recovery time is expected to be particularly long.
• Modifying rooms, bathrooms, doors and common areas to accommodate students with mobility impairments
• Installing visual room alarms for fire alarms, phones, etc. for hearing impaired students
• Assigning students with psychiatric disabilities to appropriate living situations
• Permitting use of service dogs within residence halls / apartments
• Installing or permitting use of air purification devices

Examples of accommodation requests that Rutgers will generally NOT approve are:
• Requests for single living accommodations by students with attention deficit / hyperactivity disorders
• Requests for single living accommodations by students with asthma or allergies

As a continuing student, should I participate in my college or school’s room selection process? Yes, all students interested in living on campus need to submit an application for housing. If a student has not been approved for special assignment and does not submit a housing application by the deadline, (s)he may not receive ANY university housing assignment.

Where can I obtain the standard application for housing? Students who accept admission to Rutgers University can access the housing application through the Admissions Pathway to Enrollment at: https://www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/status/login.asp. To request a mailed application, contact Housing at ruhsgapp@rci.rutgers.edu. Students currently living on-campus will be given notification regarding how and when to apply. Applications for continuing students are also available through the campus or college housing office, or by contacting University Housing at 732-932-1001.