



Harvard University Housing (HUH) for Postdocs and Visiting Researchers with Families

Commute, community, and peace of mind!

Commute: Most of the HUH is in Cambridge with subsidized rates that are usually less than the private market. Harvard University shuttle bus service provides a safe and free commute across all Harvard schools/campuses. HUH is close to the Red Line T stop and the Longwood Medical area (M2 shuttle exclusively for Harvard ID holders). Harvard University has swimming pools and gym/fitness centers accessible through walking or shuttles.

Community: HUH offers community on day one of moving to Cambridge. Living next to and interacting with world-class researchers, students and professors from different fields is an invaluable experience of a lifetime. The community, neighbors, and friends are even more helpful for non-working partners.

Peace of mind: Unlike private housing, no rent deposits are required, and all the utilities are included in the rent! HUH living areas are vehicle-free, smoking-free, and lead-free. The free, fast, and safe home maintenance services can be requested through an online portal. HUH gives flexibility, meaning the leasing contract is always for one year and one can switch apartments with \$300 transfer fees. Parents or friends staying longer than a week or frequent visitors can be added to the lease agreement for free and get extra apartment/home keys.

Who is eligible to apply for HUH?

Any Harvard employee or anyone with a Harvard appointment (employee of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Mass General Hospital, Boston Children Hospital, Mass General Brigham, or a hospital affiliated with Harvard University) is eligible for HUH. Apply to HUH through <https://www.huhousing.harvard.edu/application-process> with only a **signed work agreement/offer letter**. Once the application is approved, keep checking for available apartments on your account in the housing portal.

What benefits does HUH offer for children and families?

Harvard University **Graduate Common Program (GCP)** organizes community events to offer community integration, networking and a lot of fun activities for kids <https://gcpcalendar.huhousing.harvard.edu/?&cat=none>. Some event highlights include early education events, an easter egg hunt, summer parties, apple/pumpkin picking, and winter holiday parties.

GCP **playrooms** are a blessing for families with toddlers and small children. Several locations have playrooms filled with plenty of toys in a weatherproof and baby-proof environment for only \$25 membership for 6 months.

The HUH also offers **common room** reservations at certain locations for birthday parties and other personal/social events for \$25 for 4 hours. <https://huhousing.harvard.edu/community-events/spaces-all#common-rooms>

Does Harvard University provide childcare facilities?

Campus Child Care (CCC) offers childcare/daycare and early education at 7 locations to all Harvard-affiliated individuals. The childcare supports kids of 4 months to 6 years of age. Once you know you are moving to Cambridge, you can apply to 3 locations for \$60 fee in advance. Although admission queues are long, the locations and teaching services are great. The childcare fees may sound very high, but it is comparable to high-quality private daycares <https://campuschildcareinc.org/centers/>



Need more reasons to live in Cambridge?

It is easy to commute to work with either Red Line or the free M2 shuttle bus to Longwood Medical Area. Cambridge has excellent public and private school options for your children. For families with children aged 4 years old, Cambridge City is starting a program in 2024 to provide scholarships to preschoolers of every Cambridge resident, meaning cheaper daycare fees. Harvard Square and Kendall Square (MIT) in Cambridge have vibrant nightlife and restaurants. The Cambridge Public Library offers activities for families and discounted or free passes to museums and many other area attractions. Harvard offers perks through the Outings & Innings website <https://outingsandinnings.harvard.edu/Online/login.asp?targetPage=default.asp%3F>.

What about car parking facilities near HUH?

All Cambridge residents get street parking for very minimal rates with an additional guest parking option by Cambridge City. However, several apartment locations offer more expensive (i.e., \$360/month or \$17/day) university parking options <https://www.transportation.harvard.edu/parking/permits-rates>.