

Finding housing in Paris

Looking for housing in Paris takes time and energy—and it can be frustrating! But international students who make the exciting choice to study in Paris are by no means devoid of options. Below you'll find information on some of the possibilities, both short- and long-term, available from educational institutions and in the private housing market. You'll also find some valuable general information and the addresses of many useful sites—all current as of July 2006. We can't offer any guarantees, as this type of information changes quickly. But if you'll send us your comments, we'll do our best to improve this document.

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What are my options?

University housing (inexpensive but scarce)

CROUS (for *centres régionaux des oeuvres universitaires et scolaires*, France's regional student-service agencies) operate residence halls on or near university campuses. (They also run a network of student dining facilities.) Several plans are offered, from rooms in conventional university residence halls (about €150 a month for a furnished room averaging 9m² with shared baths, kitchens, and study areas) to studios (about €250 for a furnished apartment with kitchenette and private bath).

Students seeking housing in a Cité U (*cit  universitaire*, or campus housing complex), must apply to CROUS between January and April. Places are allocated based on various social criteria; recipients of French government scholarships have first priority. The odds of getting a room in a Cité U depend on the number of available places. In the Paris region, places are always very scarce.

www.cnous.fr/

Paris's Cité U, the *Cité internationale universitaire de Paris*

The 39 buildings of the Cité U in Paris offer very nice accommodations, but they are restricted to doctoral candidates and postdoctoral scholars. The residents, from many nations, enjoy cultural events and the usual student facilities. Rents average €500 per month. Admission is by application.

Services d'admission de la Cité internationale
19, boulevard Jourdan Paris 75014

www.ciup.fr

Private housing in Paris and the close-in suburbs (more expensive but more plentiful)

For a little more money, you can find space in a private building designed for students. But get your application in early; these buildings fill up fast. Here are some addresses.

Comite Parisien ACISJF

63 , rue Monsieur le Prince
75006 Paris
Phone: 01.44.32.12.90
Fax: 01.44.32.12.91
Email: ufjt@ufjt.org

CLJT Didot

41, rue Didot
75014 Paris
Phone: 01.45.43.21.56
Fax: 01.45.43.44.07
Email: cljt-didot@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €350
Single room, first month: €542
Second and subsequent months: €482

CLJT Les Amandiers

54-56, rue de Ménilmontant
75020 Paris
Phone: 01.43.66.85.17
Fax .01.46.36.77.00
Email: cljt-amandiers@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €300
Single room, first month: €497
Second and subsequent months: €437

CLJT Charonne

165, rue de Charonne
75011 Paris
Phone: 01.43.71.94.08
Fax: 01.43.71.05.76
Email: cljt-charonne@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €386.
Single room, first month: €496
Application fee: €20

CLJT Alfred Rosier

183, rue de Charonne
75011 Paris
Phone: 01.43.71.94.08
Fax: 01.43.71.05.76

Email: cljt-charonne@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €484
Small studio, 14m²: €374
Application fee: €20

CLJT Masséna

2-4, rue Péan
75013 Paris
Phone: 01.45.83.17.60
Fax: 01.45.83.30.67
Email: cljt-massena@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €319
Single room, first month: €452
Second and subsequent months: €426

CLJT Pointe d'Ivry

30, rue de la Pointe d'Ivry
75013 Paris
Phone: 01.45.83.64.85
Fax: 01.45.83.64.85
Email: cljt-pointeivry@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit equal to one month's rent
Rates from €336 to €479 according to size and furnishings
Application fee: €16

CLJT Emilienne Moreau

13, av. du Président Wilson
92150 Suresnes
Phone: 01.45.06.76.14
Fax: 01.42.04.22.99
Email: cljt-suresnes@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €310
Single room, first month: €448
Application fee: €15.5

CLJT Colombes

32, rue Henry Litolff
92700 Colombes
Phone: 01.47.81.14.35
Fax: 01.47.69.19.40
Email: cljt-colombes@wanadoo.fr
Security deposit: €382
Single room, first month: €411
Application fee: €15.5

F.J.T Cité des fleurs

29, rue Gauthey
75017 Paris
Phone: 01.40.25.48.35.
Email: fjtcitefleurs@wanadoo.fr

ALJT Paris-Santé

64, rue de la Santé
75014 Paris
Phone: 01.44.16.89.00.
Fax: 01.44.16.89.03.
Email: paris14@aljt.asso.fr

Foyer Alma-Bosquet

14 rue Pierre Villey 75007 Paris
Phone: 01.43.17.31.40
Email: contact@foyeralma-bosquet.com

Foyer la Vigie (women only)

7, rue de Poulletier
75004 Paris
Phone: 01.46.33.33.98
Fax: 01.40.46.81.83
www.unme-asso.com/html/paris/vigie.htm
Security deposit: €250
Application fee: €30
Single room, first month: €598
Second and subsequent months: €525

Foyer Marie Moisan (women only)

41, rue Lhomond
75005 Paris
Phone: 01.47.07.60.94
Fax: 01.43.36.14.60
Email: foyermm@voila.fr

Foyer l'Oasis (women only)

91, rue des Sèvres
75006 Paris
Phone: 01.53.63.11.20
Fax: 01.53.63.11.48
Email: espace.babylone@wanadoo.fr

Shared apartments

“J’suis français, espagnol, anglais, danois! J’suis comme l’Europe, j’suis tout ça, j’suis un vrai bordel...”—from l’Auberge espagnole (2002)

The prospect of sharing an apartment with young people from France and other countries evokes Cédric Klapisch's film, *L'Auberge espagnole*. Sharing living space with others is a unique experience—it can be fun, but it can also be a challenge if you discover, as many do, that you're less tolerant than you thought. With its ups and downs, it's usually an unforgettable experience.

Some useful sites (all charge a fee)

www.appartager.com
www.colocationfrance.fr
www.colocataires.com/
www.ma-colocation.com
www.kel-koloc.com
www.colocation.fr
www.okroommate.com/

Sharing with nonstudents

Atout'Âge

45, rue du Général-de-Gaulle 94110 Arcueil
Phone: 01.47.46.08.64. ou 06.32.50.53.01

www.atoutage.net

Annual fee: €100

Le PariSolidaire

15, rue de Senlis 75017 Paris
Phone: 01.42.27.06.20. Contact: Bénédicte Chatin

www.leparisolidaire.com

Annual fee: €150 to €300

Logement Intergénération

38, rue Reinhardt 92100 Boulogne
Phone: 06.63.10.97.99. Contact: Chantal Dorval

www.logementintergeneration.org/

Annual fee: €80

Rooms in a private home

Living with a French family not only allows you to practice your French—it also lets you immerse yourself in French culture, share your own culture, and create lasting bonds. Several organizations can help you find lodging with a French family and, if you wish, language lessons.

fac-paris.com/

Room + breakfast from €195 per week

www.atomeparis.com

Room + breakfast from €500 per month + agency services

Conventional rentals: for those who want independence and are willing to pay the price

If you want to be completely on your own, your best option may be to rent a room or apartment. They come furnished or unfurnished. Before signing a lease, however, you should visit several places, because the ratio of price to quality can vary widely. In Paris, modest studios rent from 350 to 650 €, utilities included. Vacancies are advertised in several publications, such as *De Particulier à Particulier*, www.pap.fr/. This weekly publication, available at newstands, appears on Thursday. Get up early that day to improve your chances of finding places that are still available!

To rent an apartment you'll need a co-signer or guarantor who lives in France. If you don't have one, property owners are likely to ask you to supply a guarantee from a French bank.

Temporary lodging in Paris and the close-in suburbs

MIJE–Maisons internationales des jeunes et des étudiants *

- **Maison Fauconnier**

11 rue du Fauconnier 75004 Paris

- **Maison Fourcy**

6 rue de Fourcy 75004 Paris

- **Maison Maubuisson**

12 rue des Barres 75004 Paris

* Mailing address and telephone number for the three international houses listed above:

MIJE

6, rue de Fourcy

75004 Paris

Phone: 01.42.74.23.45.

Fax .01.40.27.81.64.

Email: info@mije.com

www.mije.com

Students share a room and bath (4, 5, or 10 persons). The more who share the room, the lower the price per person. From €24 a night, with breakfast.

FIAP-Foyer International d'Accueil de Paris

30 rue Cabanis

75014 Paris

Phone: 01.43.13.17.00

Fax: 01.45.81.63.91

www.fiap.asso.fr

Bed and breakfast, €24.50 (shared room) to €56 (single room), 2007 rates.

Centre International de Paris Louvre

20, rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau

75001 Paris

Phone: 01.53.00.90.90

Fax: 01.53.00.90.91

Email: bvj@wanadoo.fr

bvjhotel.com

Students share rooms (1–8 beds) and baths. From €25 per night, with breakfast.

Centre International de Séjour de Paris Maurice Ravel

6 avenue Maurice Ravel

75012 Paris

Tél. : 01. 43. 58. 96. 00.

Télécopie. 01. 43. 59. 95. 14.

Courriel. : reservation@cisp.fr

<http://www.cisp.fr>

This tourist facility offers rooms for as little as €19.10 per night, breakfast included.

Centre International de Séjour de Paris Kellerman

17 Boulevard Kellerman

75013 Paris

Tél. : 01. 43. 58. 96. 00.

Télécopie : 01. 43. 59. 95. 14.

Courriel. : reservation@cisp.fr

<http://www.cisp.fr>

The CISP Kellerman has 240 beds in single and double rooms with shower and toilets.

Rates with breakfast range from €19.10 (per person, double) to €38.70 (single room).

BVJ Paris Quartier Latin

44 rue des Bernardins

75005 Paris

Phone: 01.53.00.90.90

Fax: 01.53.00.90.91

Email: bvj@wanadoo.fr

www.bvjhotel.com/

Students share rooms (1–8 beds) and baths. From €25 per night, with breakfast.

Auberge de Jeunesse “Le d’Artagnan”

80 rue Vitruve

75020 Paris

Phone: 01.40.32.34.56

Fax: 01.40.32.34.55

Email: paris.le-dartagnan@fuaj.org

www.hostel-in.com/

This youth hostel offers stays of up to six days. Rates per person (3, 4, 5 beds): €21.50, and (2 beds) €26.

Centre d'accueil et d'animation Louis Lumière

46 rue Louis Lumière
75020 Paris
Phone: 01.43.61.24.51
Fax: 01.43.64.13.09
Email: lumiere@actisce.org
www.actisce.org

Hostellerie des 3 canards

6 place Etienne Pernet
75015 Paris
Phone: 01. 48. 42. 04. 05.
Fax: 01. 48. 42. 99. 99.
Email: backpack@3ducks.fr
www.3ducks.fr
Per person rates from €19 to €26 (with breakfast), depending on season and room type (2–8 beds per room).

Le Village Hostel

20 rue d'Orsel
75018 Paris
Phone: 01.42.64.22.02
Fax: 01.42.64.22.04
Email: bonjour@villagehostel.fr
www.villagehostel.fr
The hotel offers double and triple rooms, as well as other multiples, from €20 to €27, depending on the season. Breakfast is included.

Young and Happy

80 rue Mouffetard
75005 Paris
Phone: 01.47.07.47.07
Fax: 01.47.07.22.24
Email: smile@youngandhappy.fr
www.youngandhappy.fr/
Rates range from €21 (dormitory) to €26 (double room), with breakfast. Rooms contain a maximum of four beds.

Woodstock Hostel

48 rue Rodier
75009 Paris
Phone: 01.48.78.87.76
Fax: 01.48.78.01.63
Email: Courrier.flowers@woodstock.fr
www.woodstock.fr
Rates from €18 to €24, with breakfast, depending on room type and season.

UCRIF Etapes Jeunes

27 rue de Turbigo
BP 6407
75064 Paris Cedex 02
Phone: 01.40.26.57.64
www.ucrif.asso.fr

Maison Internationale des jeunes pour la culture et la paix

4 rue Titon
75011 Paris
Phone: 01.43.71.99.21
Fax: 01.43.71.78.58

La Maison Hostel

67 bis rue Dutot
75015 Paris
Phone: 01.42.73.10.10
Email: cafe@mamaison.fr
www.mamaison.fr
Rates from €19 to €24, with breakfast, depending on room type and season.

Some organizations worth knowing about

France's regional student-service agencies (find them at www.cnous.fr) and the nonprofit Centre d'Information et de Documentation Jeunesse (www.cidj.com) collect and publish notices of private rooms and studios available for rent to students, allowing students to avoid the fees charged by commercial agencies.

www.eduparis.net

Student welcome site of the city of Paris.

www.clajparis.net

The CLLAJ of Paris (*Comité local pour le logement autonome des jeunes*, the local committee for independent housing for youth) holds an open house every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:00 in the auditorium of the CIDJ. Students may obtain personalized advice and general information on housing, at no charge. No appointment is necessary.

www.droitonline.com/matieres/logement

Portal linking to a variety of sites on housing laws and regulations.

www.etudiants.locataires.free.fr

Site of the French federation of student renters.

www.anil.org.guide/locatif/jeune.htm

Information from the French national agency for housing information.

www.etudiantdeparis.fr

General information on student life in Paris.

www.caf.fr

The site of the Caisse d'Allocations Familiales (family assistance fund), which helps duly enrolled students pay part of their rent (see "Some useful terms").

Some useful terms

Contrat (contract)

A rental contract, commonly known as a lease (*bail*), sets out the rules governing your presence in the rented space, including the length of your stay, the requirements for payment of rent, and the terms for cancelling the contract. A lease is valid only if two parties (the owner, or lessor, and the renter, or lessee) sign it.

A typical lease will specify: the length of the rental period, the names of the renter and the property owner, a description of the space, the amount of the rent, charges for services (heat, water, maintenance of common areas) collected by the property owner from the renter, and the amount of the security deposit (*dépôt de garantie*). The security deposit is a sum of money that the renter must pay at the time the lease is signed. The amount is typically equal to two months' rent (net of service charges). The security deposit is returned to the renter within two months of the end of the lease, provided the renter caused no damage to the rented space.

Rental contracts for furnished rooms are generally more flexible for owner and renter, particularly with regard to the length of the rental.

Aides financières pour le logement (housing assistance)

In France, most student renters, including international students, may benefit from assistance provided by the **Caisse d'Allocation Familiale (CAF)**, upon submission of proof that they have made rental payments. The assistance may be as much as half of the student's rent in some cases. You can obtain an estimate of the assistance for which you may be eligible at www.caf.fr/SimuLog.htm.