



## MSK Housing Policies and Procedures for Postdoctoral Researchers

Please refer to the eligibility criteria below. If you meet the requirements, use this link to apply for MSK housing: [Postdoc Application](#)

### Eligible Postdoctoral Researchers

Postdoctoral researchers in the following groups whose training program lasts at least one year are eligible to apply for housing. Read [HERE](#) for additional postdoc details.

Eligible Postdocs:

- Research Scholars
- Research Associates
- Research Fellows

*Research Scholars and Research Associates:*

Housing approvals are subject to availability. Research Scholars and Research Associates are eligible for housing for **up to 48 months or upon reaching PGY5** (postgraduate year), whichever comes first.

*Research Fellows:*

Housing is subject to availability and not guaranteed. When vacancy allows, Research Fellows are eligible for housing for **up to 24 months or upon reaching PGY5**, whichever comes first.

### Newly Hired Postdocs

All newly hired postdocs in the above eligible groups whose training program lasts at least one year are eligible to apply for housing.

- Applications can be submitted once an appointment letter is received.
- Applications must be submitted at least **60 days before desired move-in date**.
- If an initial application is not accommodated, postdocs may reapply within their first year of employment, provided at least 12 months have passed since the previous application submission date.
- Postdocs that do not apply within their first year of employment will no longer be eligible for housing.

### Current Postdocs Not in MSK Housing

Postdocs in the above eligible groups that do not currently reside in MSK housing can apply for an MSK apartment, provided they are within their first year of employment and have not previously declined a housing offer.

## Current Postdocs Residing in MSK Housing

**Family Size Changes:** Current tenants whose family size changes may apply for an upgrade or downgrade to accommodate the change.

- Lateral transfers within MSK housing are not permitted.
- Requests for specific units or buildings cannot be accommodated.
- Transfer requests will be processed in the same queue as new applications and are subject to availability.

**Program, Lab & Role Changes:** Postdocs transitioning to a different program, lab, or role must inform the Housing Office via email. Retention of housing is subject to approval and is not guaranteed.

## Unit Size Eligibility

Housing unit sizes are assigned based on family size, defined as the postdoc, their spouse/partner, and children. Additional individuals (e.g., grandparents, sitters) are not included in family size calculations.

- **Shared unit:** Primarily for students; limited availability for postdocs.
- **Studio:** Singles
- **One-bedroom:** Singles, and couples without children
- **Two-bedroom:** Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) with one or more children

## Application Submission & Offer Timelines

Due to limited inventory and high demand, not all applicants will be granted housing. While we aim to accommodate individual needs, specific unit types or locations cannot be guaranteed.

### Newly Hired Postdocs

- Housing applications must be **submitted at least 60 days prior** to the applicant's desired move-in date.
- If the applicant meets this deadline, their housing **decision is communicated at least 30 days in advance** of the desired move-in date.
- If the applicant misses this deadline, their housing **decision is communicated within 30 days** of applying, regardless of their desired move-in date.

## Current Postdocs

- Current postdocs applying for an upgrade, downgrade, or to enter MSK housing will be notified within 90 days of applying.

## Offer Communication

Offers will be communicated via the email provided on the housing application; applicants must ensure they provide the correct email address.

If a housing offer is made:

- Applicants have **15 days to accept** it. If the offer is not accepted within this period, **it will expire**, and the applicant will be **ineligible to reapply**.
- Applicants may request a unit tour within the 15-day acceptance period if the unit is unoccupied.
- Media materials and building information will be provided due to the limited availability of viewable units.

If a housing offer is declined:

- If an applicant receives and declines an apartment offer, **they are ineligible to reapply**.

If an application is not accommodated:

- Postdocs who are within their first year of employment are eligible to reapply after 12 months.

## Occupancy Requirements

Occupancy can begin up to 14 days before the MSK start date, subject to availability. Occupancy must occur within 30 days of desired move in date indicated in the application, or the apartment offer is subject to cancellation.

## Cost of Rent & Unit Locations

### Postdoctoral Researcher Rental Rate 2026\*

Rent is payroll-deducted bi-monthly, except for postdocs with external funding.

Apartment Size	Postdoctoral Researchers
Share**	\$1,777 per postdoc
Studio	\$1,932 - \$2,182

*This policy is last updated March 2026, by MSK Housing Office, and is subject to change at any time.*

One bedroom	\$2,336 - \$2,622
Two bedrooms	\$3,611- \$3,618

- MSK housing for postdocs is primarily located on Roosevelt Island.
- Unit assignments are based on availability, and specific rent and location preferences cannot be accommodated.

*\*Prices are subject to change annually. Utility costs, billing, and account setup vary by building. \*\*All shared apartments are fully furnished.*