

MSK Housing Policies and Procedures for PhD Students: Gerstner Sloan Kettering (GSK), Weill Cornell Graduate School (WCGS) Students, and Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs)

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

1. Who Can Apply for MSK housing?

a. *New Students Beginning their PhD Programs: GSK Students, WCGS and GRAs*

All new students in the listed groups above whose training program lasts at least one year may apply for MSK housing during their onboarding process.

New students who chose not to apply for housing during onboarding may apply during one of the annual application windows, provided they are enrolled in their respective program for at least one year. New students who are offered an MSK housing assignment and decline that offer are not eligible to reapply.

Application Process:

For GRAs:

- Applications can be submitted once a student receives an appointment letter for Sloan Kettering Institute GRAs.
- Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before the desired move-in date. Housing approvals are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.
- If an application is not accommodated, applicants may reapply within the first two years of starting their program, provided at least 12 months have passed since the previous decision.
- GRAs must vacate MSK housing within 14 days of termination.

For GSK:

- Applications can be submitted once a student commits to GSK.
- Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before the desired move-in date. Housing approvals are subject to availability.
- GSK students must vacate MSK housing within 14 days of termination.

For WCGS:

- Applications can be submitted once a student obtains approval from WCGS to apply.
- Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before the desired move-in date. Housing approvals are subject to availability.
- WCGS students must vacate MSK housing no later than their stipend termination date.

b. *Current Student Tenants of MSK Housing & Current Students Not in Housing*

Current tenants who would like to request an upgrade/downgrade and students living outside MSK housing who wish to enter housing are eligible to apply, provided they have been in their program for at least one year and have at least one year remaining.

Note: Current trainees that were previously offered an MSK housing apartment and declined that offer are not eligible to reapply.

Application Process:

- Current trainees that meet the eligibility criteria may apply for an upgrade/downgrade within housing, or enter housing from outside, during two annual windows:
 - January 1 – January 31
 - September 1 – September 30
- Applications are evaluated using a point system based on seniority. In the event of a tie, a random selection process will be used.
- Points are assigned according to the applicant's matriculation year:
 - Years 1-2 = 1 points
 - Years 2-3 = 2 points
 - Years 3-4 = 3 points
 - Years 4-5 = 4 points
 - Years 5+ = 5 points
- For students applying for shared accommodations as roommates, their individual points will be averaged.
- Offers will be made based on the applicant's total points, with higher point values prioritized for apartment offers, subject to availability.
- Requests for specific units or buildings cannot be accommodated.

2. Unit Size Eligibility

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

Note: All new GSK and WCGS students will only be offered a room in a shared accommodation. While we do our best to accommodate GRA students, this group is not guaranteed housing.

- **Shared unit:** Single students
- **Studio:** Single students; students with partners
- **One-bedroom:** Students with partners and/or children; students with children will be given priority.

3. Apartment Offers

Offer Timeline:

- *New Students:*
 - Housing decisions for new students will be communicated at least 30 days before their start date, provided the application is submitted at least 60 days in advance.
- *Current Students:*
 - Current students will be notified within 90 days of submitting their application.
 - Students who do not receive an offer during the annual transfer windows are eligible to reapply during the next available period.

Offer Acceptance:

- Once 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.
- Occupancy can begin up to 14 days before the program (GSK & WCGS) or MSK start date (GRA) subject to availability and must occur within 30 days of the start date.

4. Cost of Rent & Unit Locations

Trainee Type Rental Rate 2025

Apartment Size**	Gerstner Sloan Kettering (GSK) & Weill Cornell Graduate School (WCGS) Students and Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs). ***
Share	\$1,040 +, pets are not permitted
Studio	\$1,666 +
One bedroom	\$2,044 +

** All student apartments are fully furnished; bedroom furniture includes XL full mattress, desk lamp, floor lamp, office chair, desk, chest, or drawers. MSK does not store furniture; students may remove furniture to replace with their own at their own expense provided the original is returned upon vacating.

*** Prices are subject to change annually.

5. Rent Collection

- For GSK students and GRAs, rent is MSK payroll-deducted bi-monthly, except for trainees with external funding, i.e., external grant funding, stipend, etc.
- For WCGS students, rent will be deducted bi-monthly via Cornell payroll.
- An initial, first months' rent payment will be required upon move-in and will be paid electronically via ACH for no fee. Thereafter, students will be eligible for payroll deduction.