



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS: HOUSING

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Finding housing will be high on your checklist as you prepare your arrival as a Université PSL international student or researcher. The PSL Welcome Desk has compiled this guide to help you understand your options, what to expect once you have secured a place, and practical information about the French system.

We encourage you to start your search early and contact us at welcomedesk@psl.eu if you have any questions.

BEFORE STARTING YOUR SEARCH

1. Contact [your PSL school](#) to check if there is designated accommodation for you.
2. Check if you are eligible for the [PSL Housing Service](#).

Our Tips

- Know that demand for housing in Paris and the Île de France region may make it difficult for you to find a solution that 'ticks all your boxes' in terms of price, surface area, location, and amenities.
- Submit applications in parallel – "*il ne faut ne pas mettre tous ses œufs dans le même panier*". Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- If you're interested in a private apartment, enable notifications to learn about offers as soon as they become available.
- Beware of [scams](#).

The PSL Housing Service has allotted the PSL Welcome Desk 35 rooms to attribute to eligible international students. In accordance with PSL Housing Service policy, priority is given to bachelor and master students. Please email the PSL Welcome Desk for more information. For the fall semester ("la rentrée") starting in September, applications are considered from January to May of the same year.

International researchers, including doctoral students with a hosting agreement ("convention d'accueil") and/or contract, postdoctoral research associates, visiting professors, lecturers, and accompanying family : please see [the Euraxess Housing Guide](#) for additional guidance.

Important: If you have obtained a scholarship from the French government through Campus France, you will benefit from their housing assistance service. Contact your Campus France office for more information.

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The CROUS ("Centre régional des œuvres universitaires et scolaires") is a public administration, generally organized by academic region, that provides housing, dining, financial aid, and other student services. CROUS residences are often located near university sites and are subsidized by the French state, allowing for a comparatively lower rent than private housing. **This accommodation is primarily intended for domestic students with need-based scholarships ("bourse sur critères sociaux")**, although a second cycle has been introduced each July to provide access to incoming international students who do not necessarily have need-based scholarships. There may be additional vacancies throughout the year.

1. Apply through the PSL Housing Service

2. Apply directly to the CROUS

For more information on how to apply to a CROUS residence, please see the [French Public Service web page](#).

The CROUS residence [Champollion](#) is reserved for international researchers and faculty. The CROUS also offers short-term solutions:

<https://www.lescrous.fr/nos-services/notre-offre-commerciale/hebergement-courts-sejours-des-logements-a-tarif-crous-pour-une-courte-duree/>

**If you think you are eligible for a "Dossier Social Etudiant", then you must prove that you have had a tax household in France for the past two years (i.e., your parents or legal guardian pays taxes in France).*

Before presenting other housing solutions, perhaps you have heard of [La cité internationale de Paris ?](#)

La cité internationale universitaire de Paris is a campus of residences for international students and researchers. It is originally a private foundation and is not linked to a specific university.

Each residence « maison » has its own history and is sometimes linked to a particular country. The PSL Welcome Desk does not have a partnership with the *Cité Internationale de Paris*, **but it is possible to apply individually** for a room. It is generally recommended to do so, as the campus is easily accessible and close to several PSL University schools.

- The information provided is indicative and not contractual with Université PSL. The information was collected from various sites and based on the experience of the PSL Welcome Desk. However, this information may change depending on the evolution of services or other situations.



- L'Etape : etape.asso.fr
- ALJT : aljt.com
- CLJT : cljt.com
- ARFJ : arfj.asso.fr
- UNHAJ (*Union Nationale pour l'Habitat des Jeunes*, « National Union for Youth Housing ») : habitatjeunes.org
- CLLAJ : cllajparis.org The Local Committee for the Autonomous Housing of Young People in Paris ("Comité Local pour le Logement Autonome des Jeunes de Paris (CLLAJ)") helps 18 to 29-year-olds find temporary housing.







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