



University of  
**Southern  
Queensland**

# Residential Colleges Application Guide

New residents  
applying for 2025

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# Applying to Residential Colleges



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## Find the right college for you

You're able to select up to five accommodation preferences, so browse the [Residential Colleges website](#) to view the different room options.

We also suggest you [book a tour](#) of the Colleges, if you are in the area.

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## Prepare

Applications require the following:

- A reference letter from a recognised independent authority (e.g. school or landlord)
- A copy of your most recent academic results (e.g. school report card or academic transcript)
- Responses to the three applicant assessment questions (please see the next page)
- Passport sized photo to upload

We strongly recommend taking some time to review the applicant assessment questions (next page) and having your responses ready before commencing the application process.

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## Apply via the Res Portal

Complete your application through our [Res Portal](#). If you have any questions or experience technical issues during the application process, please contact our team.

You will receive a confirmation email once your application is complete.

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## Offer rounds

You will receive an application update or offer of accommodation through our major offer rounds (dates listed on [our website](#)).

The offer email will include important information relating to your fees, the rental period and the due date for acceptance of your offer.

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## Respond to offer

Once you receive an offer of accommodation, you will need to accept the offer by the Res Portal and sign your [Accommodation Agreement](#). An acceptance deposit (4 weeks rent in advance) is also required to finalise your booking.

You will receive an email with a copy of your Accommodation Schedule, once the above is complete.

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## Stay up to date!

While you wait for your Accommodation Agreement to commence, keep up to date with us!



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# Responding to application questions



## Prepare your application question responses

Before completing your application via the [Res Portal](#), please consider your answers to the below questions. We recommend preparing these answers prior to commencing your application to ensure you have considered responses.

### **Please provide a personal statement outlining why you would like to live at Residential Colleges and why you feel this is a suitable environment for you. (up to 300 words)**

Why would you like to live on-campus?

What parts of Residential Life are you most interested in?

How would you balance your academic studies with residential life and other commitments (e.g. jobs)?

### **Describe how you have participated in, and contributed to, your school and/or wider community. (up to 300 words) You can also attach up to five supporting documents.**

Have you been involved in any school or community groups, clubs, or initiatives?

What extra-curricular activities have you participated in?

What leadership role/s have you undertaken and what were your achievements?

### **Describe how you would reflect the University values of Respect, Integrity and Excellence while living on campus. (up to 100 words)**

How will you demonstrate the [University](#) and [Residential Colleges values](#) of Respect, Integrity and Excellence? Please consider providing up to two examples.

#### **Tips to answer these questions effectively:**

- Make sure you individually address each question; carefully reading each one and breaking it down into parts ensuring you address each aspect thoroughly.
- The most important aspect of answering the questions is to provide evidence through stories and relevant examples.
- Abstain from using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to ensure you showcase your unique personal experiences and perspectives, something that AI cannot capture.

#### **Remember that you will also need the following documents:**

- A copy of your most recent academic results (e.g. school report card, TAFE, university or other higher learning academic transcript).
- A reference letter from a recognised independent authority (e.g. school or previous landlord).
- Passport sized photo.

If you have applied or intend to apply for the UniSQ Early Entry Program, please indicate this in your accommodation application.

# Frequently asked questions



## How do I apply to live at UniSQ Residential Colleges?

When you are ready to apply for Residential Colleges:

- Visit the [Res Portal](#) and Register for an account (if you haven't already). NB: this is not your university login information, as this is specific to the Res Portal.
- When logged in, click into the Application tab, selecting the term you wish to apply for and follow the steps to complete your application. As outlined above, it is strongly encouraged that you prepare your application question responses and have your relevant documents ready to upload.

## When do applications close?

For consideration in each of the offer rounds, applications will be considered up to one week prior to the published offer round date.

## What if I don't receive an offer in the first round?

There are generally a number of offer rounds for Academic Year Agreements. All applications received will be considered for future offer rounds - you do not need to re-apply.

## What agreement periods are available?

There are a number of Accommodation Agreement periods available for 2025:

- Academic Year (T1 intake): Sunday 2 February to Monday 8 December 2025
- Academic Year (T2 intake): Sunday 18 May to Monday 8 December 2025
- Trimester One: Sunday 2 February to Tuesday 13 May 2025
- Trimester Two: Sunday 18 May to Monday 25 August 2025
- Trimester Three: Sunday 31 August to Monday 8 December 2025

Please note that preference is given to Academic Year agreements, with Trimester options generally only available to exchange students and residents graduating through the year. Flexibility may also be provided for the Summer Period (8 December 2025 to the commencement of the 2026 Academic Year agreement), should you need to stay at the Residential Colleges for some or all of this time.

## Should I apply to live at Residential Colleges if I have not received an offer to study at the University?

We encourage you to apply early for accommodation, even if you have not received your offer to study at UniSQ. There is generally high demand for accommodation.

## What happens if I do not receive an offer to study at UniSQ, or accept an offer to another university, and I need to cancel my accommodation?

If you don't receive an offer to study at UniSQ, you can cancel your Accommodation Agreement up to four weeks prior, without incurring any fees. If you cancel within four weeks of the agreement start date, an Administration Cancellation Fee will apply (equivalent of four weeks accommodation fees).

## How much does it cost to live at Residential Colleges?

Our accommodation fees are provided via our [Fees website](#).



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# Frequently asked questions



## **Can I update my preferences or roommate requests after I have submitted my application?**

Yes, updated preferences can be emailed to [accommodation@unisq.edu.au](mailto:accommodation@unisq.edu.au). If you have a roommate request, we ask that both residents email [accommodation@unisq.edu.au](mailto:accommodation@unisq.edu.au) with your request. Please note that while we try our best to accommodate these requests, sometimes it is not always possible.

## **I have a medical condition, accessibility or other special needs, can I still live on campus?**

We have a number of accessible accommodation options available at McGregor College and Steele Rudd College (Outer Blocks). Please advise any requirements in your application and we'll contact you to discuss your individual needs and suitable accommodation offerings (where available).

## **What happens between the Academic Year Agreements (early December to early February)?**

During the Summer Period Study Break (early December to early February), bookings are available to current residents; providing flexibility to stay at the Residential Colleges if needed. Study Break booking forms are released in October/early November each year.

## **What is the Early Entry program?**

UniSQ Early Entry allows eligible Year 12 students the opportunity to receive an offer to study at UniSQ before ATARs are released - even before final exams. Students can receive early entry to university in one of two ways: via recommendation from a principal or principal's delegate, or successful completion of a UniSQ Head Start course.

Students successful in gaining a UniSQ Early Entry will automatically receive a residential scholarship, valued at two weeks' equivalent accommodation - that is applied to the first two weeks of Trimester One/Academic Year agreements. Simply note that you have/intend to apply for Early Entry when completing your Accommodation Application and if you are successful to the Early Entry program and in receiving a Residential Colleges offer, the scholarship will be automatically applied to the first rental statement of the Trimester One/Academic Year agreement.

## **What if my circumstances change prior to my agreement start date and I need to cancel?**

You can cancel your Accommodation Agreement up to four weeks prior, without incurring any fees. If you cancel within four weeks of the agreement start date, an Administration Cancellation Fee will apply (equivalent of four weeks accommodation fees).

## **Can I check in early?**

We can generally accommodate early arrivals 7-14 days prior to the major check-in date, subject to availability. Requests must be made either in your offer response or by emailing our team. If your allocated room is not available at your requested check-in date, we will endeavour to accommodate you in a temporary room, however, it is not guaranteed.

## **What supports are available at Residential Colleges?**

The Residential Colleges has an on-site Manager and student leaders, along with regular Support for Learning services and an active presence from our Campus Safety and Security team. Further information is available on our [Services page](#).



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We look forward to reviewing your application!

2025 Academic Year / Trimester One move-in day is  
Sunday 2 February 2025

