Looking for accommodation

PSL Housing Service and Welcome Desk

- As ENS is a member of Université PSL, you can access the **PSL housing service** and find lodging among thousands of verified ads: [pslhousing.psl.eu/en/](pslhousing.psl.eu/en/)

- The **PSL Welcome Desk** team can also support you in your search for accommodation: [psl.eu/en/lifepsl/welcome-desk](psl.eu/en/lifepsl/welcome-desk)

Student residences owned and managed by private companies

- The **Cité internationale universitaire de Paris (CIUP)** is a private foundation managing university residences that house nearly 6,000 students, scholars, scientists, artists, and athletes from all over the world. Process about the application can be found on [www.ciup.fr](www.ciup.fr)

- In Paris several companies offer private student residences with many advantages such as furnished rooms, internet, gym, laundry facilities, etc: **PARME, Suitétudes, Les Estudines, NEXITY Studéa, Fac-Habitat, Cardinal Campus, Néoresid, Kley, Student Factory**.

- **ADELE** is an online booking site for student housing where you can apply to up to five different student residences: [www.adele.org/en/](www.adele.org/en/)

- Several websites gather student accommodation ads such as **Studyrama Logement logement.studyrama.com/** and **Club Etudiant clubetudiant.com/**.

Hostels

The **Young Workers Housing Association (ALJT)** welcomes about 10,000 students and young workers each year, aged 18 to 32, and offer rooms or studios: [www.aljt.com/en/](www.aljt.com/en/)

Housing in the private real-estate market

Private apartments


Shared rentals

Sharing a larger apartment with others, a practice known as colocation, is also a good alternative. Shared rental opportunities are advertised on several sites: **Appartager** [www.appartager.com/](www.appartager.com/), **La Carte des Colocs** [www.lacartedescolocs.fr/](www.lacartedescolocs.fr/)
Housing assistance

Finding a guarantor

If you are going to live in a student residence, a hostel or in a private apartment, you must provide information about your guarantor, the person who agrees to pay your rent in the event that you can no longer do so. The guarantor must be French and if you don’t have one, you can use rental guarantees provided by VISALE www.visale.fr/ or Garant Me garantme.fr/fr.

Subsidies managed by the Family Assistance Fund (CAF)

You may have the right to benefit each month from the “aide au logement personnalisée – APL” (personalised housing assistance) or the “allocation de logement à caractère social – ALS” (housing social allowance) depending on your income and your type of accommodation. You can check if you are eligible for one of these subsidies by doing a simulation www.caf.fr/allocataires/mes-services-en-ligne/foire-une-simulation or contacting the Caisse d’allocations familiales – CAF (Family assistance fund) www.caf.fr/

Housing insurance

Property insurance is mandatory and comprehensive. It will cover damage that your accommodation may suffer (fire or water, theft and vandalism). You can obtain property insurance from a bank or insurance agency.

Glossary

- ALS : allocation de logement à caractère social – housing social allowance
- APL : aide au logement personnalisée – personalised housing assistance
- Appt. : appartement – apartment
- Asc. : ascenseur – elevator
- CAF : Caisse d’allocations familiales – Family assistance fund
- CC : charges comprises – charges included. "Charges" cover the costs of maintaining the building (exterior, grounds, common areas) and providing common services (e.g., collecting trash)
- RdC : rez-de-chaussée – ground floor, street level
- Salle d’eau : bathroom with shower
- SdB : salle de bain – bathroom with tub
- Studio, T1 or F1 : a single room with a kitchenette and a bathroom with shower
- TBE : très bon état – very good condition
- T2 or F2 : deux pièces – a bedroom and a living room, as well as a kitchen and bathroom
- T3 or F3 : trois pièces – a three-room apartment (usually with two bedrooms)