

## Postgraduate students - what types of accommodation are available 2017

**Halls of Residence:** New for 2017/18; brand new town house accommodation for postgraduates including PGCE students. Based on our newly developed [Pittville Student Village](#), these town houses provide study bedroom accommodation with modern large kitchens and communal areas.

At this stage, we have a very limited number of these rooms available. Rooms will be offered based on the completion date of our [halls of residence application process](#). Once completed, the accommodation team will let you know if you have been allocated a Halls room.

**University Approved Housing:** These are flats and houses that landlords have registered with the University that meet high safety standards and have been visited by Accommodation Staff. These are not managed or allocated by the University. Students contact the landlord directly to arrange viewings. It is important that you view a property before signing a contract. The tenancy period for a student house is usually from Mid-September to late June. You can find out more [here](#).

**Lodgings:** This is accommodation where you live in the landlord's home. The University advertises these properties, but no visits have been made and the University does not manage or allocate these rooms. You would not sign a contract in this type of accommodation, although you would give notice as agreed with the landlord usually between one week and one month. You can find out more [here](#).

**I want to live with other Post Grad students, can you help?** In Halls of Residence, we will try to allocate you with Post Grad students wherever possible. However, this is not guaranteed. In University approved housing there is a message board facility on our StudentPad website. This is a great way to communicate with other postgraduate students. This will enable you to get together with other postgraduate students and find a property.

**I've found a house. What do I do next?** The landlord will ask you pay a deposit to sign a tenancy. Please read through our ['Renting the Perfect Pad'](#) guide before doing this.

**I want to move out of my House/Halls before the end of the academic year, is that possible?** Details on these should be clearly stated in your tenancy. Contracts normally state you will be liable for the rent of your room until a suitable replacement is found. This is the case for Halls of Residence.

**If I leave University will I be liable for rent for the whole year?** Details on these should be clearly stated in your tenancy. Contracts normally state that if you decide to leave University you will be liable for rent up to the day you vacate your room plus a cancellation fee (this is four weeks in Halls of Residence.) However, this is not always the case so make sure you are fully aware before you sign your tenancy.