

Lottery Alternatives

Not all students elect to pick housing through the lottery. Instead, you may choose one of the following options. Note: in selecting any of the following alternatives **you will be barred from participating in the housing lottery.**

- *Special Interest Housing.* You may choose to live in Quiet, 21+, Substance-Free, and Single-Sex housing. Note: the exact location of each changes from year to year.
- *Program Houses.* Both Greek and non-Greek houses end recruitment on Super Deadline Day, and students must notify ResLife by that day if they intend to join a house.
- *Cooperative Housing.* If students are interested in being part of one of the off-campus cooperative houses (BACH), they will need to fill out a Non-Resident Intent Form, available at the ResLife office.
- *DSS Housing.* Eligible students may receive housing from Disability Support Services. Contact DSS with questions about this option.
- *Squatting.* Rising Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores living in standard doubles, triples, quads, or suites received through the lottery are eligible to keep their rooms for the following academic year. Note: you may not squat in a sophomore-only room.

* If you are choosing one of the alternatives listed above, your housing must be determined by Super Deadline Day.

* Those with off-campus permission or who are going abroad or will otherwise not be on campus during the Fall 2011 semester **may not participate in the lottery.**

Important Resources

ResLife website: reslife.brown.edu

ResCouncil website: brown.edu/lottery

ResCouncil e-mail: lottery@brown.edu

Important Lottery Dates

Note: Dates are subject to change. Please check brown.edu/lottery/dates.php for the most up-to-date schedule.

Thurs. 01/27/11	2011 Housing Options Fair and First Pick Competition <i>7:00 p.m., Kasper Multipurpose Room</i>
Fri. 02/25/11	Special Interest and Squatting Request Forms Due <i>5:00 pm, ResLife Office</i>
Tues. 03/08/11	Super Deadline Day <i>11:59 p.m., ResLife Website</i>
TBD	Lottery Information Sessions
Fri. 03/11/11	Lottery Application Available Online <i>8:30 a.m., ResLife Website</i>
TBD	Roommate Social (“Suite Dating!”)
Fri. 03/18/11	Lottery Application Due <i>11:59 a.m., ResLife Website</i>
Thurs. 03/24/11	Lottery Numbers Released by Today
TBD	Residence Hall Tours
TBD	ResCouncil Office Hours <i>ResLife Office, No. Wayland</i>
Weds. 04/06/11 and Tues. 04/12/11	The Lottery <i>6pm, Sayles Hall</i>
Following Lottery	Secondary Selection Process / Sign housing contracts and other necessary paperwork.



The Residential Council



Guide to the Housing Lottery

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Basic Steps

1. *Form a housing group.* Your entire group will select housing at the same time during the lottery. However, you do not need to live in the same area as your group. Groups may contain up to 12 individuals.
2. *Complete the lottery application.* A link to the application can be found on ResCouncil's website. The application will become available on the morning of Friday, March 11, 2011. It must be submitted by 11:59 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011.
3. *Explore available housing options.* The websites of both ResCouncil and ResLife contain extensive resources for doing so. In addition, ResCouncil offers dorm tours and office hours around the time of the lottery.
4. *Find your group's lottery number.* This will determine when you will select housing during the lottery.
5. *Go to the lottery.* Select housing when your lottery number is called.
6. *Sign necessary paperwork.* Your group will be required to sign a housing contract in the Office of Residential Life in the weeks following the lottery.

Forming a Housing Group

Groups can have anywhere from 1 to 12 students. The best group size is one containing between 4 and 8 members. Very large (>8) or very small (<4) groups or groups with an odd number of members may have more difficulty selecting housing during the lottery. Note: **all the members of your group must be returning to Brown for the fall semester.**

Being in a housing group **does not** mean that you must live with the other people in your group. However, **it does mean that you are required to select housing at the same time as them during the lottery.** Additionally, **your group must select housing for every member of the group** on the night of the lottery. This means that if your group has 8 members, you must select housing for 8 people when you pick your rooms. Finally, groups wishing to pick rooms designated as sophomore-only must consist **entirely of rising sophomores.**

Once your group has been selected, **it cannot be changed.** For this reason, we advise you to think carefully when selecting your group.

Deciding Where to Live

Brown offers you a wide variety of housing options; doing as much research as possible will make choosing housing easier. The following resources are made available to you to assist you in your research.

On the ResLife website:

- an official list of all lottery policies and procedures
- floorplans of all residence halls on campus

On the ResCouncil website:

- a room review submitted by students in past years
- an online forum for asking lottery-related questions
- a list of available housing for the upcoming year
- a list of results from previous years' lotteries

Speaking to upperclassmen living in areas of interest to your group is also recommended.

In general, it is helpful to be flexible and have realistic expectations in selecting rooms. Making a ranked list of your group's room choices with several backup alternatives is **highly recommended.** This will expedite the selection process on the night of the lottery.

On Lottery Night

Arrival. When you arrive, ResCouncil members will be available to provide floorplans and answer any questions you may have.

Waiting to be called. You should bring your group's list of room choices and update it as groups ahead of you make their selections. You can monitor selections in real time on the ResCouncil website or on the projector in Sayles Hall.

When your group is called. Make sure someone from your group is in Sayles Hall to hear your group number called. Only one member from your group will be permitted to approach the selection table. If no one from your group comes forward by the time your number is called three times, you will be declared a "No Show" and will be required to select housing during the Summer Assignment Process.

At the selection table. Your group representative will select the rooms and suites for your entire group.

Passing and Dropping Down. When called, your group may elect to "pass," which automatically moves your group to the Summer Assignment Process. Your group may also elect to "drop down" and select housing with a lower-numbered group. Everyone in your group must drop down together, and you must have the permission of the group you are joining. Dropping down is especially helpful when your group's size or configuration prevents your group from selecting. Groups may not drop down if they have been declared No Shows or if they have passed.

If You Don't (or Can't) Select Housing During the Lottery

If you do not or cannot select a room during the lottery, there are two options available to you:

Secondary Selection Process. If any rooms remain unselected at the conclusion of the lottery, you may form a new group and pick one of these rooms during the Secondary Selection Process. This group does not have to be the same as your original lottery group, but it must contain enough individuals to fill the number of beds in the room you are selecting. Selection will occur on a first-come, first-served basis, and will begin in late April.

Summer Assignment Process. If you did not pick housing at the lottery and do not participate in Secondary Selection, you will be included in the Summer Assignment Process. Rooms will be assigned to students over the summer based on a list of location and roommate preferences that you will submit to ResLife. While ResLife does its best to honor these preferences, no guarantees are made. During the Summer Assignment Process, priority is given to groups who had no available options left when their number was called during the lottery **or** whose only options were one-room triples or quads. Lower priority is given to No Shows and groups who elected not to pick housing when options were available.

