

HEALTH INSURANCE

All international students at Towson University must have health insurance to help pay for medical expenses in the U.S. **You will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the University-arranged plan.** If you have current health insurance, you should research whether it meets the level of coverage described in the Dowell Health Center's letter (or found on their website: www.towson.edu/studentlife/healthcenter). **If you have health insurance which you believe meets the University's requirements, contact the Health Center for waiver procedures or check their web site for a waiver application.** You should ask the Health Center for an evaluation of your plan prior to purchasing it. The deadline for waiver requests is June 15 for summer semester, September 15 for fall semester and February 15 for spring semester.



HOUSING

On-Campus Housing:



If you have requested on-campus housing, as an international student you will be able to move into your room early. You may check in as early as the "report date" stated in line 5 of your I-20. The Department of Housing and Residence Life staff will give you a housing contract to complete before you move into your room. *(Before you sign the contract, be sure to ask questions if you do not understand. You will be legally and financially responsible for what you sign).*

You will be able to obtain the key to your residence hall room on your report date only between the hours of 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, at the Residence Tower. If you cannot arrive at the Residence Tower before 8:00 pm on that date, then you will need to make arrangements to stay in a hotel. After your report date, check-in hours are only available from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

It is recommended that you schedule a flight to arrive early in the morning, so that even if your flight is delayed you will have enough time to get to campus before the Department of Housing and Residence Life closes. Prior to your flight, you should make a reservation with a local hotel if the Department of Housing and Residence Life schedule does not accommodate your travel itinerary.

Please note, on-campus housing is unfortunately not available for graduate students.

Off-Campus Housing:

(Please see separate off-campus housing handout for more complete information)

If you are interested in living off campus, there are resources within the University and in the community to help you locate living accommodations. The Office of Student Activities offers a free off-campus housing service (a comprehensive list of available off-campus housing) for students seeking places to live. They also provide a listing of apartment complexes in Baltimore. Towson University does not screen, qualify, verify or otherwise accept responsibility for listings provided through this free service. Using the off-campus housing list is quick and easy. You can access this list through their web site at www.towson.edu/commuter. (Once the website has been accessed select "Off Campus Housing", which appears on the left. Select "Available Housing" to find available rooms and apartments in the area.) If you are unable to come to campus and unable to access the information via this website, you may request that the information be mailed to you.

Housing can have a significant impact on your life in the U.S. Remember to interview potential roommates for lifestyle compatibility. Other factors you should consider are: the size of the apartment (studio/efficiency, one bedroom, or a multi-bedroom), the monthly rent, security deposit requirement, utilities (such as gas, electric, and water) location, access to public transportation, and whether you would like to have roommates or apartment-mates. Good luck in your apartment search. Remember to be patient and check all of the options!

Please pick up an Off-Campus Housing handbook from Student Activities or the ISSO and read this important information before signing a lease.

Temporary Housing: If your housing accommodations will not be available immediately upon arrival, you should make arrangements to stay at one of the local hotels. We have listed some options below and noted the costs, but the amounts may have changed. Be sure to ask for the current price and request any possible student discounts when you make a reservation.

<p>Burkshire Marriott Hotel 10 West Burke Avenue Towson, MD 21204 Tel. 410-324-8100 Contact the Burkshire to find out the Towson University rate. Highly recommended due to location within walking distance to TU campus (across the street).</p>	<p>Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel 903 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD 21204 Tel. 410-321-7400 Contact the hotel to find out the Towson University "college student" rate—based upon availability is approximately \$133.00 per night plus tax (or will receive best available rate). Highly recommended: located close to TU campus (short bus ride) and within walking distance to Towson Towne Mall.</p>	<p>The Red Roof Inn 111 W. Timonium Road Timonium, MD 21093 Tel. 410-666-0380 (or 1-800-733-7663 toll free for callers within the U.S.) Located about 15 minutes to TU campus by car. Approximately \$92 (August)/ \$70 (January) per night plus tax. Weekly rates available.</p>
<p>Ramada Inn 8712 Loch Raven Blvd. Towson, MD 21286 Tel. 410-823-8750 Ask for the "college rate," which is approximately \$80 per night plus tax.</p>	<p>Comfort Inn Hotel 8801 Loch Raven Blvd. Towson, MD 21286 Tel. 410-882-0900 (or 1-877-424-6423 toll free for callers within the U.S.) Ask for the <u>Towson</u> Comfort Inn on Loch Raven Blvd. Approximately \$130 (August)/ \$80 (January) per night plus tax.</p>	<p>Holiday Inn 1100 Cromwell Bridge Rd Towson, MD 21286 Tel. 410-823-4410 Located 15 minutes to TU campus by car. Approximately \$135 (August)/ \$125 (January) per night plus tax.</p>

The ISSO does not ensure the quality of the accommodations or otherwise accept responsibility for listings provided