

There is no parking available to students on campus. However, there are a limited number of parking garages located in the LMA. For more information: <http://parking.med.harvard.edu/> or call (617) 432-1111.

Remember, Boston is an urban environment. Most likely, no apartment will be exactly what you want. You will hear street noises, you will have neighbors, and you may need a roommate to help cut the cost of your monthly rent. These are all things you should expect when looking for a place to live in Boston. Check out: the **Rental Housing Resource Center** on <http://www.cityofboston.gov/rentalhousing/> for more information about the renting process in the city.

Here are some things to consider when researching different housing opportunities:

1. After a long day at school, consider how far you are willing to travel between home and school.
2. How much are you willing to pay in rent and transportation costs?
3. How long do you plan to live in the Boston area?
4. Do you want to live alone or with a roommate?

Rent for most apartments is due at the beginning of each month. It is common that a non-Harvard managed property will ask you to sign a lease, pay the first and last month's rent, and provide a security deposit at the time you sign your lease. Monthly rents are determined by location, amenities and accessibility to public transportation. Rates range from approximately \$1000/month for a single apartment to approximately \$2000/month for a shared (2 bedroom) apartment.

Important Questions to ask a Landlord or Leasing Office:

1. What subway stops and/or bus lines is the apartment located near?
2. How safe is the neighborhood at night?
3. What is included in the rent price? Heat and electricity? Water?
4. Are there any markets or grocery stores nearby?
5. Is there a laundry facility in the building or near the apartment?
6. What is expected at the signing of the lease?

This guide is an overview of housing resources and options produced by the Office for Student Affairs at HSPH. For more information, please visit: www.hsph.harvard.edu/student-life/housing/

Your guide to finding a home away from home.....



.....in Boston

Welcome to the Harvard School of Public Health! We understand that finding housing when you are unfamiliar with the city can be very difficult. This guide provides helpful information to get you started in your search for a home away from home in Boston!

HSPH is located in the Longwood Medical Area (**LMA**) in Boston, and is one of three campuses at Harvard. The other Harvard campuses are in Allston and Cambridge (the main Harvard campus). LMA is a major medical area of Boston and includes various hospitals, and the Harvard Medical and Dental Schools.

Although there is no parking on campus, HSPH is easily accessible by public transportation as well as a free shuttle service (M2) that runs between the LMA and Cambridge campuses (approximately 30 minutes).

HSPH is a non-residential campus and there is *no* central housing office for Harvard University. It is the students' responsibility to find housing. Boston is a college town and many students move during the month of September. We strongly advise you to plan ahead and research your housing options early. The following are some housing options managed by Harvard:

Shattuck International House, a 70-unit residence owned and operated by the School of Public Health, is a popular option for domestic and international HSPH students. Highlights include: 24-hr. security, 10 minute walk to HSPH campus, 5 minute walk to "D" train on the Green Line (subway), located on the M2 route, minutes from shopping, single and shared apartments available, monthly rent billed to student account, furniture and utilities included, free community events and activities. Applications processed through the Office for Student Affairs at HSPH. Rent ranges: \$1100 – \$2150/month. For information: www.hsph.harvard.edu/student-life/housing/shattuck-house/ or call (617) 266-2785

Vanderbilt Hall, managed by Harvard Medical School, offers dormitory style housing (single rooms with shared bathrooms). Priority housing is given to Harvard Medical and Dental Students, but HSPH students are welcome to apply. Highlights include: centrally located in the LMA, 5 minute walk to HSPH, rent billed to student account, located on the M2 route, and a 10 minute walk to the "E" train on the Green Line (subway). Rent ranges: \$6700 - \$7300 (for academic year). For more information: www.hms.harvard.edu/operations/vh/ or call (617) 432-1630

Harvard Residential & Real Estate Services rents apartments in Cambridge and Boston, including one in the LMA called Trilogy. Highlights include: options generally close to public transportation and/or various Harvard University campuses, monthly rent billed to student account. Rent ranges: \$1500 - \$2200/month (Trilogy rates). For more information: <http://huhousing.harvard.edu/> or call 1(800) 252-5020

There are also many non-Harvard managed apartments available online. It is your responsibility to search and arrange for these housing opportunities. For more information: www.hsph.harvard.edu/student-life/housing/links-and-resources/

Public transportation, or the MBTA (locally known as the "T"), includes the subway system and city buses. It is a convenient and affordable way to get around Boston (www.mbta.com). The M2 (www.masco.org) is a free shuttle for the Harvard community that runs from the Cambridge campus, along Massachusetts Avenue, to the LMA campus. See the MBTA map and M2 Shuttle websites for more information. It is common for Boston residents who depend on public transportation to commute an average of 30 minutes one-way to school or work.

The following is a suggested list of neighborhoods most accessible to HSPH and well connected by public transportation.

Longwood Medical Area (LMA)

- Neighborhoods closest to the LMA are: the Fenway, Mission Hill, Brookline Village, Coolidge Corner, and the Back Bay
- Neighborhoods range from a 5 – 20 minute walk from the HSPH campus.
- Accessible by Green Line "E" and "D" trains and city bus #s: 19, 192, 38, 39, 47, 66, 980, 981, CT1
- Approximate Rent: \$1500 - \$2300/month (2 bedroom apartment)

Jamaica Plain

- HSPH accessible by bus # 39 with a 20 – 30 minute commute
- Approximate Rent: \$1150 - \$2200/month (2 bedroom apartment)

Cambridge/Somerville

- 30 – 45 minute commute to HSPH using the Red Line train and transferring to the Green Line train or using the #47 city bus
- M2 Shuttle access between Harvard Square in Cambridge to LMA with stops at Central Square and MIT
- Convenient stations on the Red Line include: Harvard Square, Central Square, Porter Square, and Davis Square
- Approximate Rent: \$1500 - \$2500/month (2 bedroom apartment)

Allston/Brighton

- 30 – 45 minute commute using the #66 bus
- Approximate Rent: \$1300 - \$2500/month (2 bedroom apartment)