

Housing Resources

This document highlights various resources to help you find housing in College Park and the surrounding area. It provides helpful suggestions to consider when getting started, resources to connect you with local subletters, and brief descriptions of the cities surrounding campus. Please note that on-campus housing is available through UMD's Department of Residential Life, however you should consider all of your options first to best fit your budgetary needs and personal preferences before making a decision. Additionally, we are here to help! Email umdsi@umd.edu any questions and we will do our best to answer them and provide you with support in any way we can.

1. Getting Started

- Look online and begin familiarizing yourself with the area
 - Prioritize housing options based on proximity to campus and cost
 - It is recommended to sublease/sublet through a UMD student, and live in apartments located in College Park. In doing so, you will have excellent proximity to campus and will be able to work out a short-term lease of roughly 9 weeks. If you are unable to obtain housing in College Park, try living within 15-30 minutes as a long commute can become exhausting
- If you do not plan on having a car, choose areas near public transportation
 - Shuttle UM is the transit system for the University of Maryland and is free for UMD students, including visiting summer students. It is worth checking the bus schedules and various stops when making housing decisions. Please note that during the summer Shuttle UM operates on a more limited capacity, running less frequently to fewer stops. The summer bus schedule will be posted towards the end of the spring
 - WMATA Metro Bus is a bus service for the DC Metro area, which includes
 College Park, and is another great public transportation option
- Dive into the resources listed below

Explore the various links below starting with UMD-related resources. As
previously stated, it is recommended that you live either on-campus or nearby in
College Park, and sublease/sublet from UMD students. Living in College Park
provides the most optimal proximity to campus and subleasing/subletting might
offer the best price given the program length.

2. Where to Look

- UMD Resources
 - Off-Campus Housing Services provides resources that assist students in finding off-campus housing
 - You can create a profile to find roommates and available housing options within the 4 UMD Community, and you can search for housing using a number of criteria such as rent, location, number of bedrooms, and more.
 - If you would like to explore on-campus housing options, <u>click here</u> to learn more

• Facebook

- <u>University of Maryland Housing and Sublease Community</u> connects subletters and sublessers with those looking to rent UMD housing in the short-term
 - This is a great resource given the large number of UMD students looking to sublease/sublet during the summer
- Suggested websites for finding local apartments
 - http://www.craigslist.org and www.padmapper.com (easy way to map and visualize craigslist ads)
 - o <u>www.apartments.com</u>
 - o <u>www.apartmentfinder.com</u>
 - o <u>www.rent.com</u>
 - o www.trulia.com
 - o <u>www.zillow.com</u>
 - o <u>www.roomster.com</u>
 - o <u>www.roommates.com</u>
 - o www.airbnb.com

3. Helpful Tips and Suggestions

- Begin your search as early as possible
 - It can take anywhere from 1-3 months at least to secure housing in the College
 Park area, so it is best to start early
- Organize documentation
 - It is important to prepare by gathering all of the potentially necessary documentation/ paperwork such as: Photo Identification, Banking Information, Reference Letters, etc.

4. Most Popular Places to Live

College Park, MD

• College Park is home to the University of Maryland's Flagship campus and is nestled in the heart of Prince George's County. Students choose to live in College Park primarily due to the proximity to campus. The average commute to campus by car is about 10-15 minutes, and the average public transportation commute time is roughly 15-30 minutes. The most popular type of transportation for students and residents in the area is Shuttle UM, the University of Maryland's bus system maintained by the University's department of transportation. Additionally, there is a wide availability of bike shares and e-scooters to get around town and campus.

• Housing Recommendations:

- o Terrapin Row Apartments
- The Domain
- Landmark Apartments
- Union on Knox
- Hub College Park
- The Alloy
- o University View
- The Varsity

Beltsville/ Greenbelt, MD

- Like College Park, students chose to live in Beltsville/Greenbelt primarily due to the proximity to campus and the availability of public transportation. These areas are close to the beltway and allow for easy access to DC and the surrounding area. The average commute to campus by car is about 10-15 minutes and roughly 20-30 minutes for public transportation.
- Housing Recommendations:
 - Verde at Greenbelt Station
 - Hidden Creek
 - o Lakeside North
 - The Hanover Apartments

Adelphi/Langley Park, MD

- Adelphi and Langley Park are both located just west of College Park, closer to the border between Prince Geroge's County and Washington D.C. These areas are close to the beltway and allow for easy access to DC and the surrounding area. There are also several restaurants and shopping options. The average commute to school by car is about 15-20 minutes and the public transportation average commute time is roughly 20-30 minutes.
- Housing Recommendations:
 - o The Delano
 - Langley Terrace
 - The Villas at Langley Apartment
 - Heritage Park Apartments

Hyattsville/ Riverdale Park, MD

• Hyattsville and Riverdale Park are both located just south of College Park and offer local housing options with easy access to public transportation. These areas are also close to the beltway, allowing for easy access to Washington D.C. There are also several

restaurants and shopping options available, including a local mall. The average commute time to campus is about 15-25 minutes by car, and roughly 20-45 minutes with public transportation.

- Housing Recommendations:
 - o Pilot House At Riverdale
 - o Stella
 - o Palette At Arts District
 - Mosaic at Metro Apartments
 - o The Six