Victoria University of Wellington
Housing Information

This information will assist you in choosing your housing options for your semester abroad. Please read through this material very carefully including the Arcadia Housing Policy, and fill out the Arcadia University Housing Preference Form. Housing is assigned on a first-come first-serve basis and space is limited.

As part of the service provided by the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, you are guaranteed housing for the duration of your program. Housing is included in the program fee. The only additional cost is for the meal plan (see “Meals” listed below). While every effort will be made to honor your housing requests, we cannot guarantee specific housing placements or specific roommates.

The Victoria University online Accommodation Guide will provide you with important information on location, proximity to university, appearance, available facilities, rules and regulations and meal plan availability.
www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/accommodation/halls/process.aspx

For more information contact your Program Coordinator at 866-927-2234.

Option #1: On-Campus Accommodation
Informational Website: http://www.vuw.ac.nz/st_services/accommodation


Use the accommodation guide and housing website to assist you in choosing your housing preference, and then fill out the online housing application for Victoria. All of your housing costs are already included in the Arcadia University program fee. Please refer to the Arcadia housing policy posted on our website before completing your housing application.

It is very important that you return your Arcadia University Housing Preference Form as confirmation that you have submitted your online application. This is so that Arcadia University can pay your accommodation fees. If you do not return this form to Arcadia University, Victoria University will bill you directly for your accommodation. Information regarding housing application deadlines and fees that appear on the Victoria site do not apply to Arcadia study abroad participants. Arcadia University will take care of all fees related to accommodation except phone, internet, laundry, and activities charges. The deadline for Victoria housing is rolling so please make your housing decisions and complete the required forms as soon as possible.

Meals: If your housing option includes a meal plan, the cost of your plan will be billed to your account after you arrive in New Zealand. If the housing is listed as self-catered, you will have a kitchen facility available to you. Please check to see if crockery and cutlery are included in the room, or are available to rent for the semester. Please note that Everton Hall, Stafford House and Wai-te-ata are the most popular places to stay for our students and none of them have a meal plan. Students quickly discover that food cooked with flatmates is cheaper, more delicious and a great way to get to know people.

Recommendation from the Resident Director, Jane Gunn-Lewis: “Everton Hall is a popular accommodation choice among past study abroad students. Everton is in a wonderful location, 5 minutes walk from the university, five minutes walk to the city center, and it almost borders the Wellington Botanical Gardens. Students at Everton usually share a flat with four other students from New Zealand, Australia, and other countries. Each flat has good cooking facilities and students usually cook together and share costs. I have visited the accommodation options at Victoria, so please do not hesitate to e-mail me with questions (gunnlewis@arcadia.edu)."
Option #2: Off-Campus Accommodation (Self-Catered)

Student Flats/Apartments
Victoria’s Accommodation Office helps students to find accommodation in a flat/apartment. Students who live in flats sign a tenancy agreement that binds all residents of the flat to pay rent for the period of the tenancy. (The cost of rent for a student flat is included in your program fee, so Arcadia University will pay your rent). Students are responsible for sharing the cost of electricity, phone, food, and provide furnishings when necessary for the flat. In addition, students are responsible for providing all bed linens, including pillows, and bath towels. Household duties such as cooking and cleaning are normally shared among all members of the flat.

Option #3: Independent Housing
Students may opt to make their own living arrangements. The independent housing credit allowance will be credited toward your program fee. If you decide to find your own housing, you must make your request in writing by 15 April for the fall and year and 30 November for the spring semester. As with most large cities, housing can be very expensive. The housing allowance credit may not be sufficient to cover all your housing expenses, you need to budget accordingly. Please call your program coordinator for more information. Refer to the Housing Policy if you would like temporary accommodation upon arrival in Wellington. Arcadia can arrange for five nights temporary accommodation in the town where your program is located. The supplemental fee for this service is $250.

If you primary choice for accommodation in New Zealand is option #3, please fill out and return the enclosed Arcadia University Housing Preference Form.

Late Changes in Housing Preference
Once you submit your housing preference form, changes in housing may be requested only in writing and can only be considered as follows: Requests for alternate housing can only be fulfilled on a space-available basis. Please refer to the housing policy included in this packet.
University of Victoria
Housing Preference Form

Please return this form to our office as soon as possible.

Name: ___________________________________________________

Sex:: __________________

Home College/University: _______________________________

Date of Birth: __________________

Please check the following options according to your needs. See attached pages for additional information regarding options.

___ University Accommodation - You have completed the University of Victoria Online Housing Application.

Please indicate the top three choices where you have applied to live:

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___ Independent Housing - You are responsible for finding your own housing for the duration of your stay in New Zealand (This does not include orientation. Accommodation is automatically provided.)

___ Temporary Accommodation - Five nights’ stay in the city of your program (Wellington) while you secure your own housing for the remainder of the semester. There will be a $250 surcharge for this service.

Comments:

I have read, understand, and accept the Arcadia University Housing Policy.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________