

Roommate Group Process Guide

2024-2025 Incoming Freshmen Housing Process

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Roommate Group Process Overview

The Roommate Group Process gives students the opportunity to select the students they would like to live with for the upcoming academic year. **This process is not required**, so if you are looking to be matched by the system, you can skip this process.

Process Definitions

Roommate groups are composed of a **Group Leader** and its **members**.

- Group Leader the student that creates the roommate group. The roommate group will be named after the Group Leader.
- **Invited** students who have been asked to join a roommate group and have not yet accepted or declined their invitation.
- **Members** students that accepted their roommate group invitation.

Important Notes About this Process

- Roommate Group Leaders will use TUID numbers to search for and then <u>invite up to 2 students</u> to be in their roommate group.
- Invited students must have completed the housing application process. The system will not allow anyone to invite a student who has not completed the housing application process. If students can't find their desired roommate, they should communicate with the desired roommate directly and verify that they have completed the housing application process. If they have completed the contract and they are still unable to find each other, they should email housing@towson.edu.
- Living Learning Communities & Roommates:
 - If you are applying for a Living Learning Community (LLC), your roommate will need to be accepted into the LLC as well.
 - o Communicate with your roommate and ensure that they complete the LLC Application via the Student Housing Gateway.
 - Ensure that they are selecting the same LLC preferences and, most importantly, ensure that they understand and are committed to the LLC and its purpose.
- All roommate groups must be of the same legal sex unless requesting Gender Inclusive Housing. Students who indicated an
 interest in Gender Inclusive Housing will only be able to pull in other students who also indicated GIH interest.



Fall Triples

Due to the increasing enrollment and with demand exceeding the supply for on-campus housing, we have increased the number of available accommodations to ensure we are able to house all freshmen who have met the housing guarantee deadline. As a result, all incoming freshmen students have the probability of being placed in a fall triple (converted double rooms) based on final occupancy and availability. Students who do not form a 3-person group and are placed in a fall triple will remain in the fall triple throughout the semester or until a permanent space is identified. Students assigned to fall triples will **receive a special 20% refund** for each week for as long as three people are living in the space.

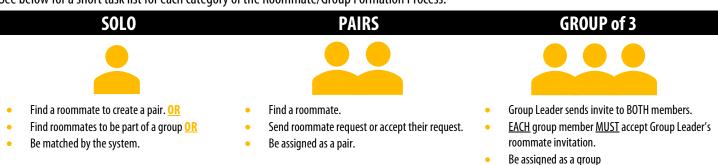
We highly encourage students to consider forming a 3-Person Roommate Group. We have outlined the benefits of Forming a 3-Person Roommate Group below:

- Receive a special 20% refund for each week for as long as three people are living in the space that has been converted from a double to a triple. Students placed in designated permanent triples do not receive the 20% discount due to the designed capacity of these spaces.
- Retain more control over who your roommates are and keep them for both Fall and Spring semesters.
- Enjoy an additional roommate to build strong connections with.

More information regarding Fall Triples can be found on the Fall Triples webpage

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See below for a short task list for each category of the Roommate/Group Formation Process:



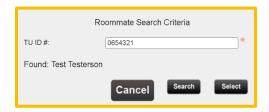
How to Create a Roommate Group

The Roommate Group Leader should have the TUID number of the student(s) they would like to invite before starting this process.

- 1. Visit the <u>Student Housing Gateway</u>
- 2. Under Current Students, click on "Roommate Group"
- Read the instructions and click "Next"
- 4. Click on "Create Group" Create Group
- 5. Enter the TUID number of the student you want to invite to your roommate group
- 6. Click "Search"
- 7. Once the student is found, click "**Select**"
- 8. Click "Invite" and repeat steps 5-7 to invite another student Invite
- 9. Click "Finish" once you have invited all potential members

 Note: Group Leaders can also remove members by clicking "Remove" next to a member's name







How to Accept or Decline a Roommate Group Invite

- 1. Visit the **Student Housing Gateway**
- 2. Under Current Students, click on "Roommate Group"
- 3. Read the instructions and click "Next"
- 4. Click "Accept" to become a member of the group
- 5. Click "**Decline**" to deny the roommate group request.

Phil Jamison's Group Roommate Status Phil Jamison Leader Steve Brown Member Accept Decline John Smith Invited

How to Leave a Roommate Group

- 1. Visit the **Student Housing Gateway**
- 2. Under Current Students, click on "Roommate Group"
- 3. Read the instructions and click "Next"
- 4. Click on "**Leave**" to leave a roommate group.

