



# International House

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What kinds of programs are being planned for next year?**

A: Many exciting programs are being planned already. You can expect weekly high-profile events including guest speakers, documentary film screenings which include a discussion with the filmmakers, workshops and seminars for personal and professional development and a wide variety of other programs. All Residents are expected to attend at least 8 programs per year to remain in good standing.

**Q: How can I get involved in the community next year?**

A: We encourage you to apply for one of the fellowships offered. Fellowships provide leadership development opportunities and a stipend, and include Program Fellows, Resident Fellows and Peer Counselor Fellows.

**Q: Are summer extension and readmission the same?**

A: No. They are two separate processes requiring two separate applications. If you are only interested in staying at I-House for all or part of the summer, fill out the [Summer Extension Form](#) by March 31. If you are interested in living at I-House during the 2019-20 academic year or Fall 2019 semester, fill out the [Readmission Application](#) by March 8. If you are interested in both, submit both forms by their respective deadlines.

**Q: Will room rates increase?**

A: Room rates will increase at the end of the spring semester beginning May 17. The new rates will be:

**I-House South**

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Avg. Monthly</u>
Without a sink	\$40	\$1,203
With sink	\$43	\$1,297
With a semi-private bath	\$52	\$1,596
With private	\$57	\$1,735

**I-House North**

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Avg. Monthly</u>
Studio Apartment	\$73	\$2,200
1 Bedroom Apartment	\$85	\$2,600
Suite Room, Small	\$51	\$1,561
Suite Room, Medium	\$53	\$1,622
Suite Room, Large	\$57	\$1,723
Suite Room, Extra Large w/pvt. Bath	\$66	\$2,021

**Q: I do not yet know my plans for the summer and I do not want to lose my room. What should I do?**

A: If you miss the April 8 deadline, you risk losing your room to a new resident member. If you extend and then leave before that date, you will be subject to the [cancellation policy](#). If you decide only to extend for a short time and then request to extend further it is possible that we will be unable to approve your request.

**Q: Can I leave for a short time in the summer without paying room fees during that period?**

A: To avoid paying for your room during an absence in the summer you must completely vacate your room for a minimum of 40 days making your room available to someone else. While we make every effort to assign a resident to their room choice upon returning after the 40-day minimum, we cannot guarantee availability. If you will be gone less than 40 days you can keep your belongings in your room and you must pay all mandatory charges.

**Q: I want to live at I-House continuously into next year. The summer session ends on August 16 and the academic year begins on September 1. Do I have to move out for those 2 weeks?**

A: If you extend your membership through the end of the summer session and your readmission application is approved, you do NOT have to move out. If you extend for the entire summer session until August 16 and your readmission application has been approved we will automatically extend your membership and your fall semester will begin on August 16.

**Q: I do not know if I will be in New York for the next academic year, but if I will be here, I would definitely like to continue my resident membership at I-House. What should I do?**

A: In order to receive priority over new applicants you need to submit the readmission application by March 8. If your readmission application is incomplete you have until July 15 to complete it and verify eligibility. All readmission applications received after May 15 will be considered equally with new applicants and there is no guarantee of admission and no priority in room selection.

**Q: If I have chosen a different room for next year, when will I move to that new room?**

A: If you selected a different room for next year and will be staying all summer, please contact the Admissions Office to arrange a move date as soon as the new room is available. If you are leaving for the summer, you will move into your new room upon your return.

**Q: I am currently on a Columbia University Apartment Housing (CUAH) contract and wish to remain on it, what forms do I need to fill out?**

A: If you wish to remain on the CUAH contract it is not necessary for you to complete I-House's Summer Extension Form or Readmission Application. You need to follow the process outlined by CUAH. If you wish to switch to a direct agreement with I-House you need to submit I-House's forms and inform CUAH of your intentions. If you are switching to a direct agreement you will need to change to a different room.

**Q: If my plans change for next year when do I have to tell you to avoid a penalty?**

A: If your readmission application is approved you will need to confirm your intentions by August 1 for those who stay during the summer and depart by August 16<sup>th</sup>. A penalty applies for notifications received after the applicable date.

**Q: How are room assignments for next year made?**

A: Residents who wish to stay in their current room and submit the readmission application by the March 8 deadline will be able to keep the same room. All those who wish to select a different room will be able to do so after March 25 in the order that applications are received. The Admissions Office will send out detailed information to those who wish to select a different room.