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Services

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Student Accommodation at KAUST

KAUST student accommodation stock includes shared apartments. Video tours of all the accommodation types at KAUST are available by visiting the [Accommodation Services website](#).

Accommodation Eligibility

The standard living arrangements for KAUST students coming to KAUST without a family consists of shared accommodation in a unit, depending on apartment size, shared with 2 to 4 total sharers.

The university has an established criteria for on-campus housing eligibility. Students may change their housing entitlement, subject to changes in accommodation criteria. Sharing may only be entered into with other sharers of the same gender and apartment blocks are gender specific.

Apartments

- [Typical Apartment layout](#)

Furniture and Equipment

KAUST offers furnished student accommodation with arrangements in place for the upkeep and maintenance. All residences have domestic appliances including washer and drier, refrigerator, dishwasher and electric stove and oven.

There are internationally renowned retail outlets that offer the delivery of furniture items to meet any additional resident requirements and preferences, over and above standard provision.

New Arrivals Soft Package

To have the basics available when you arrive, a 'soft package' with bedroom and bathroom linen as well as kitchen and dining utensils, is provided for each individual sharer in the shared accommodation you first move into.

Facilities Maintenance

Residents have access to a maintenance helpdesk who support with the servicing of KAUST provided building facilities and equipment.

Waste Management

KAUST handles the community's waste and recycling and offers a communal location for apartment dwellers with designated bins with lids for recycling, trash and organic waste. This makes it easy for residents with mixed recycling by allowing the disposal of their acceptable recyclables into designated bins.

Student Apartments

Virtual Tour



Video depicts a 2 bedroom apartment for single students. It is strictly representational and does not reflect actual assignment.

Unit Features

- 2 or 3 level apartment block
- Dedicated patio or balcony space
- Communal covered parking

Soft Package

Dinner Set

Dinner Plate	1
Mug	1
Water Glass tumbler	1
Dinner Knives	1
Dinner Forks	1
Teaspoon	1
Tablespoon	1

Bedroom Linens

Pillows	2
Pillowcases	2
Single /Double Duvet	1
Single / Double Duvet Cover	1
Single / Double Flat Sheet	1

General

Waste Bin	1
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Bathroom Linens

Bath Towel	1
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Student Apartments

Layout and Furnishing

The unit furniture items below including living, dining and bedroom furniture are provided as standard as shown in most apartment units.

Standard Unit Furniture and Equipment Provisions

1st Floor

Guest Bathroom

Mirror 1

Living Room

Sofa 1

Armchairs 2

Side Table 1

Coffee Table 1

Media Cabinet 1

Television 1

Telephone 1

Dining Room

Dining Table 1

Dining Chair 4

Kitchen

Refrigerator 1

Microwave Oven 1

Electric Range with Oven 1

Built-in Range Hood 1

Built-in Dishwasher 1

Laundry Room

Washer / Dryer 1

2nd Floor

1 - 4 Bedroom Apartment

Bedrooms (each resident)

Single / Queen Size Bed Frame 1

Single / Queen Mattress 1

Bed Side Table 2

Under Bed Drawers 1

(specific apartments)

Office Desk 1

Office Chair 1

Office Desk Lamp 1

Curtain Set 1

Bathrooms

Bathroom Mirror 1

Helpful Information

Television

Each unit contains a television and the use of streaming content services such as Netflix, Apple TV and Shahid are welcome. In KAUST's diverse community, it is appreciated that residents seek to consume the content they are most familiar with, on a device of their choice, at times that suit them best. Independently installed satellite dishes are not permitted.

Residential Network Service

The KAUST residential network service offers the residents wired network connectivity and access to both the internet and internal University services. As a new resident, a premium WiFi service (KAUST WiFi+) is included in the residential unit. Some residents prefer to come to KAUST with their own routers purchased in their home countries.

Plugs and Sockets

The voltage of electricity distributed in residential accommodation is 220 volts.

Sockets available in units include 3-pin sockets, which accept plug type G. This is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern.



Some adapters allow a device from one country to be plugged into the wall outlet of another country. However, they do not convert electricity. The plug of a Continental European appliance may not fit into an outlet in your unit without a plug adapter.

Checking a device's voltage listing to ensure appliances can deal with the electricity coming out of the socket is recommended. The Facilities Management electrical team is available to check items and confirm the nature of the plug required if residents are unsure.

Patios and Balconies



Balconies and patios serve to enlarge the living space and enhance quality of life for the residents of an apartment or house.

They may also serve as an outdoor room, granting access to fresh air and views.

There are limitations however, to the types of activity that can take place in multi-family dwellings such as apartments including no open flame grilling and the installation of items that affect balconies' carrying capacities.

Home Insurance

All residents are independently responsible for insuring the contents of their home. KAUST Residents are able to purchase their own home insurance from local providers.

Home Improvements

Residents are welcome to make reasonable adjustments to their residential units that support or reflect their lifestyles, and create a homely environment. There is a system in place to support resident requests which offers the dual purpose of notifying the service and facilitating obtaining a quote from an entity that can offer support.

Housing Assignment

Accommodation Services assigns accommodation following requests made by the relevant KAUST student representative, with the objective of making KAUST a great place to live and study.

Arrival

After receiving confirmation of arrival, residents are assigned a unit.

On arrival, students are received by the reception and welcoming team who give them the keys to their new unit, and offer to take them through the lease agreement and terms underpinning the provision of housing at KAUST prior to signing.

Sharing

Students arriving on their own without a spouse or family, live in single-gender shared accommodation with other residents in 2, 3 or 4 bedroom apartments. Mixed gender sharing-units are not available.

Internal Moves

Students may request a move to a new unit via the service, if there are no changes to their circumstances. Requests for a move are accommodated based on the availability of vacant units.

Changes to household size necessitates a move to a unit for which the new circumstances make them eligible.

A notice of at least one month is required to support the accommodation of a move requests for students in sharing accommodation.

Eligibility Changes

Following a student's change of circumstances, including a reduction in the number of residents or a spouse or family leaving KAUST, and confirmation of availability of the type required, students are offered a unit to suit.

Please report eligibility changes to your relevant student representative to initiate the process. A minimum notice of 1 month is required to allow for the preparation of a unit to accommodate the household.



Service and Resident Obligations

Accommodation Services manages the provision of housing to all eligible KAUST residents.

The Service's commitment to KAUST students is to provide a smooth transition into their new home, so that they settle seamlessly into the international and culturally diverse KAUST community. The welcoming, resident relations and key control teams are some of the service's teams receiving new residents. They ensure accommodation is ready for occupancy, provide lease agreements as well as provide a point of contact during their time at KAUST.

Rental Rates

Rental rates at KAUST are based on unit type and KAUST residential status. Accommodation Services works closely with the KAUST student representative body to ensure assignment in alignment with the KAUST student offer.

KAUST Housing Agreement

Accommodation Services appreciates all our residents reading and understanding the terms of the [KAUST Housing Agreement](#). The resident relations team is available to speak to residents if there is anything they are not sure about.

House Shares and Pet Ownership

Pet ownership and smoking are not permitted in shared housing or apartments.

Further information is available in the [guidance on pet ownership at KAUST](#).



Sample KAUST Housing Agreement

General

1. The resident may not transfer this Housing Agreement to anyone else.
2. Unless otherwise terminated as set forth below, this Housing Agreement is valid up to the end of the specified occupancy period and renewal is at the sole discretion of KAUST.
3. The resident will comply with all KAUST Policies and Procedures including the KAUST Code of Conduct. In case of any non-compliance, KAUST reserves the right to terminate this Housing Agreement.
4. All residents occupying a unit must be registered with Housing Services prior to occupancy. Guests or visitors in the KAUST unit must comply with the KAUST Personal Visitors Policy.
5. A Resident is not allowed to lease the unit to another person. The resident can provide house keys to a registered dependent (as per KAUST records) or the approved caretaker. In the event the key is lost or stolen the resident must report this immediately to the Housing Office to arrange for locks to be changed and the replacement of the keys.
6. The changing of locks in a unit is the sole responsibility of Housing Services. Residents are not allowed to independently change locks to their unit.
7. During temporary absence or vacation, a caretaker who is officially registered with Housing Services may be assigned and may reside in the unit for security and maintenance purposes.
8. All vehicles including cars, scooters, buggies, bicycles must not be parked in areas that are not reserved for car parking. Roads must be kept clear at all times.
9. If the unit contains a Telecommunications Equipment Room, KAUST Information Technology (IT) department reserves the right to access the unit in emergencies without prior notice.
10. Rental charges, where appropriate, will be deducted from the resident's salary on a monthly basis. If the rental deductions do not occur, the resident must inform Housing Services as early as possible to avoid any accumulated charges.
11. The resident must comply with the KAUST's Recycling Policy on all household waste.
12. It is prohibited to install satellite dishes or any external cable TV services. TV cable box services are provided via KAUST IT or the KAUST approved vendors.
13. The housing unit is intended for residential use only. Residents are not allowed to set up any in-house business-like activities in the provided residence.
14. All residents are to respect other community members and not create a disturbance to others (including playing loud music and shouting) and in shared accommodation maintain clean and tidy common areas as provided in Sharing Accommodation Guidelines. Any recurring complaints may result in corrective and / or disciplinary action for the resident.
15. Housing Services reserves the right to:
 - a) Relocate the resident on a temporary basis to a similar or smaller house type for critical operational/maintenance reasons.
 - b) Access the unit or the backyard for maintenance/inspection with prior notice.
 - c) Correct clerical errors due to any oversight in processing (for example incorrect rental charges).

Repairs and Maintenance:

16. KAUST is responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the unit prior to occupancy.
17. During occupancy, the resident is responsible for providing timely access to his/her residence for maintenance teams to perform planned, preventive and reactive maintenance activity.
18. The resident is responsible for the general upkeep of the unit interior and exterior and all assets requiring maintenance should be reported to KAUST Maintenance Services in a timely manner.
19. The resident must keep the mechanical room and external areas free of hazardous materials which could hinder access for required maintenance.
20. If the unit has a backyard it is the responsibility of the resident to maintain its upkeep. If the backyard is not properly maintained, Horticulture Services may perform the necessary work and charge the resident. Any trees and shrubs must be left where planted unless prior permission is granted by the Horticulture Services.
21. The resident cannot make any alterations to the interior, exterior or backyard areas without the express consent of KAUST Housing Services. Requests should be made through a Home Improvement Program (HIP).
22. Upon departure from KAUST and/or from the unit, the resident is required to return the unit to the Housing Department in the same condition as it was received, subject to normal wear and tear. The resident shall be responsible for the following costs, if applicable, which KAUST may claim through a deduction from the resident's salary/stipend or via an invoice.
 - Property Damage:
 - Up to 50% of the repair costs, with a maximum amount of SR 10,000, will be charged to the residents who cause accidental damage to on-campus housing or other KAUST property.
 - Up to 100% of repair costs will be charged to the residents who cause damage to on-campus housing or other KAUST property through negligence, repeated actions, willful or deliberate damage, or unauthorized alterations of KAUST property.
 - Reports of damage to KAUST property will be reviewed by the Property Damage Review Committee which will comprise of representatives from Housing, HR, HSE, Finance, and Graduate Affairs. Please refer to the Property Damaged Review Committee Charter for further information.
23. Should a resident fail to observe KAUST Health and Safety Regulations associated with their unit, the resident may be subject to disciplinary action.
24. Upon departure from KAUST and/or from the unit, the resident may not remove any fixtures, fittings or furniture which are the property of KAUST.
25. If for any reason employment or studentship is terminated this Housing Agreement will be terminated automatically and the resident must vacate the unit on or before the leave date specified by KAUST Human Resources/Graduate Affairs.
26. It is the responsibility of the resident to safeguard their personal property and independently secure adequate insurance cover for personal items.
27. In accordance with the KAUST Pet Policy only domestic pets like cats, dogs, indoor birds and fish are allowed. No pets are allowed in the apartments and sharing units. The number of cats and dogs allowed per household is limited to two (2). Please refer to the Housing Policy and Pets in the Community Guidelines for further information.
28. After giving reasonable notice to the resident, KAUST reserves the right for the Housing services to enter and inspect the premises, and may, in an emergency situation, enter without any notice.
29. In collaboration with Graduate Affairs, and with prior notice, student units are subject to ad hoc, random inspections.

Assignment / Internal move:

30. From the time a new unit is assigned and as agreed upon by all parties, the resident must vacate the existing property within seven (7) days.
31. Keys to the new unit will not be available until a move date has been confirmed by Housing Services to the resident. KAUST will not be responsible for personal items left in a unit after being vacated.
32. KAUST Material Management will assist residents in moving within the community; however the resident is responsible for packing all belongings. KAUST Material Management is not responsible for the dismantling and assembling any personal furniture or items.
33. A resident who is assigned and rejects a unit through the bidding system will be excluded from the next round of bidding.
34. A resident who fails to move within the agreed moving schedule (except in exceptional circumstances at KAUST's discretion) may be subject to additional rent charges.
35. KAUST reserves the right to correct clerical errors due to any oversight in processing (for example, inaccurate rental deductions).
36. The unit rental rate is subject to change in accordance with KAUST Housing Policy.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need to sign a Housing Agreement?

Signing the Housing Agreement means you are agreeing to the terms provided within, including your responsibilities and commitments outlined.

Does my 'soft pack' include bed linens for all beds?

Bed linen including sheets, duvet and duvet cover, pillows and pillow cases are provided for arriving resident.

Can I choose the furniture that goes into my house?

Residential units are allocated furnished. Furniture not required by the resident may be returned.

What are the typical bed sizes?

There typical bed size provided is queen size, 200 by 150 cm.

How much do I pay for rent?

Rental rates are dependent on confirmation of the resident's status as a KAUST student.

Can I see the actual accommodation I will be living in, instead of a layout or a typical unit type?

The unit offered and assigned is prepared prior to a new student's arrival at KAUST, viewing of the actual unit is therefore not possible until you are taken to your unit upon arrival.

Can I choose the location of my house?

Units are allocated and prepared prior to the new resident's arrival. Preferences shared in advance may be accommodated depending upon availability.

How much does housekeeping cost?

Housekeeping services are available and charged at a nominal hourly rate to all residents. These services are arranged by the resident to suit requirement.

What types of floors do the housing units have?

All residential units have tiled floors including ceramic and / or marble tiles.

Can I bring my pet?

Pets are not permitted in apartment buildings.



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