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## ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

SESSION 2025/26







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# APPLICATION PROCESS

## SELECTION CRITERIA

We take into consideration first those who;

- Live out with the daily travel distance.
- Are new to the GSA and independent living.
- Declare a special need/disability which impacts housing requirements - please contact the accommodation office at [accommodation@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@gsa.ac.uk) to request the guidance note.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications open in late February/early March.
- GSA course offer holders will be sent an email from the accommodation office with full details on how to make an online housing application.
- Applications will then be reviewed alongside the selection criteria.
- Once the application has been processed, applicants will receive direct email correspondence from the accommodation office containing the outcome of the housing application.
- If we are in a position to offer housing, applicants will be invited back to the accommodation portal to select a room, sign the tenancy agreement, and pay the non-refundable £125 rent pre-payment. Please note that this payment will be deducted from the rent balance after check-in.
- If we are not in a position to offer GSA housing, we will refer applicants to the [GSA Student Support Services](#) for advice and support on finding housing in the private sector.

## APPLICATION TOP TIPS

- Apply as soon as possible after receiving the housing information email.
- Declare any special needs or disabilities within the online application.
- Upload a profile picture which will allow staff to identify new residents on arrival.
- Take time to complete the profile so the best decision can be made when self-selecting the room and/or flat.
- Get in touch with us if you have any issues or queries.

# COMPARE OUR SITES

			
<b>Sites:</b>	<b>Margaret Macdonald House (GSA Halls)</b>	<b>Blythwood House (GSA Halls)</b>	<b>IQ Elgin Place (PBSA Partnership)</b>
<b>Location:</b>	89 Buccleuch Street G3 6QT	200 West Regent Street, G2 4DQ	240 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JW
<b>Who can apply:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate</li> <li>• Semester</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate</li> <li>• Postgraduate</li> <li>• Semester</li> <li>• Portfolio Preparation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 full year Postgraduate (September-September)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost per week:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard: <b>£153</b></li> <li>• Ensuite <b>£166</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuite <b>£192</b></li> <li>• Two bedroom shared apartment <b>£249pp</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronze Ensuite <b>£240</b></li> </ul>
<b>Utilities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All utilities including high-speed WiFi are included within the rent, except the laundry which is on a pay-as-you-go service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All utilities including high-speed WiFi are included within the rent, except the laundry which is on a pay-as-you-go service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All utilities including high-speed WiFi are included within the rent, except the laundry which is on a pay-as-you-go service</li> </ul>
<b>Insurance:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included (terms and conditions apply)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included (terms and conditions apply)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Included (terms and conditions apply)</li> </ul>
<b>Bed size:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuite: Small Double</li> <li>• Two bedroom shared apartment: Double</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Double</li> </ul>
<b>Walking distance to Campus:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stow: 3 minutes</li> <li>• Reid: 3 minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stow: 8 minutes</li> <li>• Reid: 3 minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stow: 8 minutes</li> <li>• Reid: 3 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Onsite Lift:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>

Sites:	Margaret Macdonald House (GSA Halls)	Blythwood House (GSA Halls)	IQ Elgin Place (PBSA Partnership)
Communal Areas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared kitchen and living room with up to 7 other residents</li> <li>Outdoor courtyard</li> <li>Access to Blythwood House common rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared kitchen and living room with up to 7 other residents</li> <li>Cinema Room</li> <li>Games Room</li> <li>Study &amp; Make Room</li> <li>Snug</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared kitchen and living room with up to 7 other residents</li> <li>Gym</li> <li>Amphitheatre</li> <li>Games Room</li> <li>Studio Space</li> <li>Private Dining Room</li> <li>City View Roof Top Terrace</li> </ul>
Provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mattress, protector and topper</li> <li>Toilet brush</li> <li>Bedside lamp</li> <li>Kitchen Appliances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mattress, protector and topper</li> <li>Toilet brush</li> <li>Kitchen Appliances</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mattress, protector and topper</li> <li>Kitchen Appliances</li> <li>Communal TVs (TV license included for provided TVs only)</li> </ul>
NOT provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duvets</li> <li>Linen</li> <li>Toilet Roll</li> <li>Kitchen equipment such as cutlery, pots, pans etc.</li> <li>Any other item not listed in what is provided above</li> <li>TV license is NOT included</li> <li>Food, self-catered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duvets</li> <li>Linen</li> <li>Toilet Roll</li> <li>Kitchen equipment such as cutlery, pots, pans etc.</li> <li>Any other item not listed in what is provided above</li> <li>TV license is NOT included</li> <li>Food, self-catered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duvets</li> <li>Linen</li> <li>Toilet Roll</li> <li>Kitchen equipment such as cutlery, pots, pans etc.</li> <li>Any other item not listed in what is provided above.</li> <li>TV license is NOT included for personal streaming devices</li> <li>Food, self-catered</li> </ul>
Parking:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited and first come, first served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No</li> </ul>
Cycle Storage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes (<b>external</b> only and resident must provide their own bike lock)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes (<b>internal</b> only and resident must provide their own bike lock)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes (<b>internal</b> only and resident must provide their own bike lock)</li> </ul>
Staffing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Out of Hours:</b> Campus security contactable via phone</li> <li><b>Day:</b> BWH Accommodation Office Mon-Fri</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Out of Hours:</b> Campus security contactable via phone</li> <li><b>Day:</b> BWH Accommodation Office open Mon-Fri</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception open 24/7</li> </ul>





# RESIDENT LIFE TEAM

## WHAT IS RESLIFE?

Reslife is a team based within our accommodation who assist with the pastoral care of residents and aim to build a strong and inclusive community. The Reslife team at GSA Halls is focused on providing a good grounding for life at GSA, looking out for students' wellbeing and to run events that our residents can participate in. Our Reslife team members are all currently studying at the GSA.

In addition to providing onsite support, Reslife regularly organise activities for residents, with some events hosted in collaboration with GSA Sustainability, The GSA Student Association, and Student Support. Reslife also collect relevant and engaging content for our social media channels.

Recent events and activities have included:

- Film screenings in Blythswood House's cinema room
- Walking tours of Glasgow including a vintage and thrift shop tour in the West End
- Glasgow Mural Trail
- Fitness sessions including yoga and palates
- Craft sessions and workshops using recycled materials in a dedicated creative common room
- Paws against stress evening with visiting therapists

## BENEFITS OF JOINING THE TEAM

- Add the experience to your CV
- Receive a reduction in rent in exchange for 3-6 hours per week

## HOW DO I APPLY?

We accept applications from March-May, aiming to appoint the team by the end of June for the new session starting in September. Please email [accommodation@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@gsa.ac.uk) to request an application pack and further details.



## FAQS

### ARE THERE ADAPTED FACILITIES/OPTIONS?

We do have adapted facilities available at some sites. Please email [accommodation@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@gsa.ac.uk) to discuss this with a member of the accommodation team.

### CAN I BRING MY PET?

Animals are not allowed in halls, even for a short period. This is written into the tenancy agreement. Some exceptions do apply. For the GSA animal policy, please email [accommodation@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@gsa.ac.uk).

### CAN RETURNING STUDENTS APPLY FOR GSA HOUSING?

We no longer facilitate returning students to halls, unless in extenuating circumstances. If you feel that this applies, please email [accommodation@gsa.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@gsa.ac.uk).

### HOW LONG IS THE TENANCY AND DO I NEED TO MOVE OUT DURING THE WINTER/SPRING BREAK?

Tenancy length durations vary depending on course length. We offer semester stays to those staying for only one semester, 39 weeks to undergraduates, and 39 or 51 weeks to postgraduates. No, residents do not need to vacate during the breaks. The bedroom/flat is accessible for the entirety of the tenancy.

### WHAT IF I WANT TO CANCEL MY TENANCY AND MOVE OUT?

Once checked in and keys have been collected, residents are committed to the tenancy for the tenancy length booked, and obligated to pay the rent in full, unless no longer studying at the GSA through course withdrawal or leave of absence.

### WHAT IS THE LOCAL AREA LIKE?

One of the friendliest cities in the UK, Glasgow is bursting with cultural attractions, places to eat, pubs, bars, and night clubs, and a lively music and comedy scene with [The Stand](#), [King Tut's Wah Wah Hut](#), [The SSE Hydro](#), and plenty more in close proximity of the The Glasgow School of Art's Halls of Residences. We recommend checking out the [Glasgow Art Map](#), which showcases galleries and exhibitions across the city. The slogan *People Make Glasgow* truly represents the city, making student life incredibly special. Our city centre sites are a 5 minute walk from local amenities on Sauchiehall Street, and the GSA Reid building.



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