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Forres Guide



Session 2024/25

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THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART ACCOMMODATION

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APPLICATION PROCESS

SELECTION CRITERIA

The GSA Forres housing is only available to postgraduate students studying in the GSA Highlands and Islands campus.




APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications open in late February or early March.
- If you receive a course offer by the GSA you will receive an automatic email from the accommodation office with full details on how to make an online application.
- We will review your application alongside our selection criteria.
- Once your online application has been processed you will receive direct email correspondence containing the outcome of your housing application.
- If we are in a position to offer you housing, you will be invited back to our accommodation portal to select your room, sign the tenancy agreement and pay the non-refundable £125 rent pre-payment. Please note that this will be deducted from the rent balance after check-in.

APPLICATION TOP TIPS

- Apply as soon as you have received the housing information email.
- Declare any special needs or disabilities within the online application.
- Upload a profile selfie so staff can identify you on arrival.
- Take your time to complete your profile so you can make the best decision when self selecting your flat.
- Make sure you are applying for housing in Forres rather than Glasgow if you are studying in the GSA Highlands and Islands campus.
- Get in touch with us if you have any issues or queries.

COMPARE OUR SITES

			
Sites:	The Royal (GSA Halls)	Knockomie (GSA managed)	Forres Flats (private providers)
Location:	Tytler Street, Forres, IV36 1EL	4 Grantown Road, Forres, IV36 2SG	Various locations throughout Forres town
Who can apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduates attending the GSA Highlands & Islands campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduates attending the GSA Highlands & Islands campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduates attending the GSA Highlands & Islands campus
Cost per week:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small: £122.04 • Medium: £128.52 • Large: £133.92 • Extra Large: £140.40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium ensuite: £222.60 • Large ensuite: £233.20 • Extra Large ensuite: £243.80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Flat/Apartment OR Two Bedroom Flat/Apartment Share: ranges from £110-181.50pp depending on flat selected
Utilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All utilities including high-speed WiFi are included within the rent, except the laundry which is on a pay-as-you-go service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All utilities including high-speed WiFi are included within the rent, except the laundry which is on a pay-as-you-go service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities are NOT included in the rent and this will be an excess of approximately £100 per month
Insurance:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included (terms and conditions apply) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included (terms and conditions apply) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included (terms and conditions apply)
Bed size:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed size vary depending on the room type, more information is available when making an online booking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed size vary depending on the room type, more information is available when making an online booking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed size vary depending on the flat type, more information is available when making an online booking
Distance to Campus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes on the GSA provided bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes on the GSA provided bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes on the GSA provided bus

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Onsite Lift:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Catered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, self-catered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (breakfasts & dinners only, included within rent. Snacks/lunches are not included) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, self-catered
Communal Areas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared kitchen and washrooms/toilets • Large outdoor garden • Two large communal areas for socialising or studying onsite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to a shared dry kitchen used for basic food preparation • Dining Room • Living Room • Large Garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared kitchen and living room with up to 1 other resident for two bedroom flats or sole use for one bedrooms flats
Provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattress, protector and topper • Toilet brush • Bedside lamp • Kitchen Appliances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattress, protector and topper • Toilet brush • Bedside lamp • Breakfasts/dinners • Cutlery, dining and basic food preparation utensils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattress, protector and topper • Kitchen Appliances
NOT provided:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duvets • Linen • Toilet Roll • Kitchen equipment such as cutlery, pots, pans etc. • Any other item not listed in what is provided above • TV license is NOT included • Food, self-catered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duvets • Linen • Toilet Roll • Any other item not listed in what is provided above • TV license is NOT included • Snacks/lunches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duvets • Linen • Toilet Roll • Kitchen equipment such as cutlery, pots, pans etc. • Any other item not listed in what is provided above. • TV license is NOT included • Food, self-catered
Parking:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited and first come first serve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited and first come first serve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited and first come first serve
Cycle Storage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (external only and resident must provide their own bike lock) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
Staffing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus staff or security contactable via phone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus staff or security contactable via phone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus staff or security contactable via phone



JOIN THE 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 events and activities for residents with some events hosted in collaboration with other groups at the School such as GSA Sustainability, The Art School 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 The Royal
- Walking tours throughout Forres and beach litter picks
- Fitness sessions including yoga and palates
- Craft sessions and workshops using recycled materials
- Local Ceilidh
- Pumpkin Carving

HOW WILL JOINING RESLIFE BENEFIT ME?

- Add the experience to your CV and use us as a reference for future employment
- Receive a reduction in rent in exchange for 6 hours per week

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk to enquire about an application pack and further details.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARE THERE ADAPTED FACILITIES/OPTIONS?

Please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk to discuss this further with a member of staff.

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.

WHAT IF I HOLD AN OFFER FOR FORRES AND GLASGOW?

If you have not decided on whether to accept a place to study at the GSA in Glasgow or Forres, you can still make a housing application. Please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk to inform us.

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

We offer a 51 week tenancy (September-September) to postgraduates studying in the GSA Highlands & Islands campus. No, you do not require to vacate during the breaks. Your bedroom/flat is your home for the entirety of the tenancy.

CAN I BRING A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR PARTNER?

You are able to have visitors for a maximum of 3 nights within 1 month. You cannot move anyone into the properties on a permanent basis. This is written into the tenancy agreement.

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

Once you have checked in and collected your keys, you are committed to the tenancy for the tenancy length booked and obligated to pay the rent in full, unless you are no longer studying at the GSA.

WHAT IS THE LOCAL AREA LIKE?

Situated in Moray, about 27 miles north east of the Highland capital of Inverness, the town boasts a classic castle with impressive parks and gardens. Home to a number of craft shops and art galleries, Forres and the surrounding area hosts a number of cultural events, including the carnival style Culture Day and bi-annual Findhorn Bay Arts Festival in September. You will never get bored of the scenic forest and coastal walks available, alongside the sand and pebbles beaches. Our accommodation sites are within walking distance of local transport and food shops and pharmacies.



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