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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 or disability which impacts housing requirements - please contact the accommodation office at accommodation@gsa.ac.uk to request the guidance note.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- GSA housing applications open in March.
- GSA course offer holders will receive an email from the accommodation office with full instructions on how to submit an online housing application.
- Applications will be reviewed in line with the selection criteria
- Once processed, applicants will receive an email from the accommodation office confirming the outcome of their housing application.
- If we are able 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 amount will be deducted from the rent balance after check-in.
- If we are unable to offer GSA housing, we will refer applicants to GSA Student Support Services for guidance and support in finding private sector accommodation.

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 to help staff identify new residents on arrival.
- Take time to complete the profile section to ensure the best possible match when self-selecting a room and/or flat.
- Contact us if you have any questions or experience any issues.

COMPARE OUR SITES

		
Sites:	Margaret Macdonald House GSA Halls	Blythwood House GSA Halls
Location:	89 Buccleuch Street G3 6QT	200 West Regent Street, G2 4DQ
Who can apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate • Semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate • Postgraduate • Semester • Portfolio Preparation
Cost per week:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard: £172 • Ensuite £187 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuite £216 • Two bedroom shared apartment £281pp
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
Insurance:	<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"> • Single 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuite: Small Double • Two bedroom shared apartment: Double
Walking distance to Campus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stow: 3 minutes • Reid: 3 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stow: 8 minutes • Reid: 5 minutes
Onsite Lift:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes

Sites:	Margaret Macdonald House GSA Halls	Blythwood House GSA Halls
Communal Areas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared kitchen and living room with up to 7 other residents • Outdoor courtyard • Access to Blythwood House common rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared kitchen and living room with up to 7 other residents • Cinema Room • Games Room • Study & Make Room • Snug
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 • 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 • 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 served 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No
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"> • Yes (internal only and resident must provide their own bike lock)
Staffing:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Hours: Campus security contactable via phone • Day: BWH Accommodation Office Monday - Friday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Hours: Campus security contactable via phone • Day: BWH Accommodation Office open Monday - Friday



RESIDENT LIFE TEAM

WHAT IS RESLIFE?

ResLife is a dedicated team of current GSA students and residents based within our accommodation, committed to fostering a strong, inclusive, and welcoming community. The Reslife team at GSA Halls focuses on providing a supportive foundation for life in Glasgow and at GSA, helping residents connect with one another through a range of organised events and community building initiatives.

In addition to offering onsite support, Reslife regularly organise activities, some in collaboration with GSA Sustainability, GSA Student Association, and GSA Student Support Services. The team also collate relevant and engaging content for our social media channels.

Recent events and activities have included:

- Film screenings in the Blythswood House's cinema room
- Walking tours of Glasgow, including vintage and thrift shop tours in the West End
- Glasgow Mural Trail outings
- Fitness sessions including yoga and palates
- Craft sessions and workshops using recycled materials in a dedicated creative common room
- "Paws Against Stress" evenings with visiting therapets

BENEFITS OF JOINING THE TEAM

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

HOW DO I APPLY?

We accept applications from March to May, with the aim of appointing the team by the end of June for the new session beginning in September. Please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk to request further details.



FAQS

ARE THERE ADAPTED FACILITIES/OPTIONS?

Yes. We have adapted facilities available at select sites. Please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk to discuss your requirements with a member of the accommodation team.

CAN I BRING MY PET?

Animals are not permitted in halls, even for short periods, as stated in the tenancy agreement. Some exceptions do apply. For the GSA animal policy, please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk.

CAN RETURNING STUDENTS APPLY FOR GSA HOUSING?

We no longer allocate halls to returning students except in extenuating circumstances. If you believe this applies to you, please email accommodation@gsa.ac.uk.

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

Tenancy lengths vary depending on your course. We offer semester stays for study abroad and exchange students, 39 week contracts for undergraduates, and 39 or 51 week options for postgraduates. Residents do not need to vacate during breaks - rooms/flats are accessible for the full duration 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 full tenancy length and liable for the full rent amount unless they are no longer studying at the GSA due to course withdrawal or an approved 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 GSA campus buildings.



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