



HOUSING AGREEMENT & REGULATIONS

To ensure the safety, wellbeing, and success of all participants residing in program housing, the following list of housing rules was created to outline behavioral expectations. For the purposes of this document, "API" refers to Academic Programs International, the organization in Paris responsible for student housing and emergency management.

All participants living in program housing must comply with the following rules for the duration of the contracted housing period. Violations of the outlined policies will result in disciplinary action being taken. Though API has attempted to create a comprehensive list of infractions and guidelines below, API reserves the right to discipline a participant for any action that API deems unacceptable. API may, at any time, contact the participant's emergency contact/parent/guardian and/or Parsons Paris if the participant's behavior is inconsistent with the rules specified in this agreement. Participants are also expected to abide by The New School Code of Conduct in their housing.

I. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting this form, I agree to the following payment and cancellation policies:

1. Once I have submitted my enrollment deposit to Parsons Paris, API will reserve housing for me upon receipt of this form and my housing application deposit of \$550.
2. The housing application deposit is non-refundable once paid.
3. Full payment must be submitted by the payment deadlines of June 10 (fall semester and academic year) or November 3 (spring semester). Students who select the individual studio option will be committing to the placement for the full academic year. As soon as the payment for the housing balance is received, no refunds will be possible under any circumstances.
4. Participants must withdraw their application for housing by June 10 (fall semester and academic year) and November 3 (spring semester) in order to receive a refund of the housing payment, less the \$550 deposit. Students who select the individual studio option will not be eligible for a refund should they decide to opt out of housing for the spring semester.
5. If a participant pays the \$550 deposit and does not notify us of their intent to withdraw before the payment deadlines listed above, the participant will be held responsible for the full housing cost.
6. Participants who apply after the payment deadline will be immediately responsible for full housing cost upon submission of the application and \$550 deposit. The housing balance will be due in full within 48 hours of receipt of the billing statement. As soon as the payment for the housing balance is received, no refunds will be possible under any circumstances.
7. Participants who receive financial aid may request a deferred payment deadline and must submit sufficient proof of funds by the payment deadline in order for the request to be approved. Any amount not covered by aid must be submitted by the payment deadline.

Students who are approved to use financial aid towards program housing are subject to the same housing payment and withdrawal policies noted above.

8. Participants in program housing are not eligible for CAF benefits through the French government.

9. A security deposit will not be collected from students. If there are housing damages or miscellaneous pending charges following the completion of the program, API will directly bill the participants.

10. In the event of default, for any reason, the participant will be responsible for any and all attorney fees, court costs and collection fees.

II. PERSONAL CONDUCT IN PROGRAM HOUSING

1. All participants are responsible for their own behavior and choices. On-site directors are available as a support to participants but are not able to make decisions for them or to continually monitor their behavior.

2. Participants must behave respectfully at all times to fellow residents, neighbors and housing representatives.

3. Participants must attend all mandatory housing meetings, including all scheduled sessions during the on-site orientation, led by the API on-site director(s).

4. Participants are urged to avoid placing inappropriate photographs or statements on Facebook, public websites or other social media platforms. While on-site directors will not specifically monitor such sites, if a participant openly demonstrates a disregard for housing regulations outlined here with their posts or pictures, disciplinary action may be taken against that participant.

5. Participants who are concerned about their own behaviors or those of other program participants in the program housing are encouraged to speak with API on-site directors for assistance.

6. Participants living with a host family are responsible for notifying the family in advance of any extended absences from the home. This includes notifying families of intended travel dates. Participants must also notify hosts of plans to be absent for meals or plans to sleep elsewhere.

7. Participants living in a dormitory, residence or apartment who will be absent from API housing for more than a 24-hour period must alert their roommates (if applicable) or an API on-site director. Participants who share a room with a participant who has not returned for more than 24 hours without previous notification of travel plans must alert an API on-site director of the situation.

8. Participants are responsible for abiding by all regulations set forth by the host family, landlord or management. Participants should be mindful of city ordinances.

9. Accommodations should be kept neat and orderly. Food should not be stored in bedrooms.

III. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN PROGRAM HOUSING

Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following:

1. Any behavior that could result in harm (e.g. physical, emotional, psychological) to oneself or another person, including but not limited to fellow residents. Any physical or verbal abuse or harassment by a participant can result in automatic dismissal from housing. All participants are responsible for reviewing [API's non-discrimination policy](#), which includes information regarding how API will respond to allegations of any form of discrimination, including bullying, gender discrimination and sexual misconduct.
2. Use of the property of other program participants, API, the housing authority or Parsons Paris without express permission given in advance. Participants must respect all property of Parsons Paris, API, local hosts, and other program participants.
3. Possession of a gun (even if properly licensed in the participant's home country and the host country) or weapon while residing in program housing.
4. Abuse of alcohol or the use, distribution, or possession of controlled substances/drugs not prescribed by a physician. Any such use and/or group disturbance will be evaluated and dismissal from program housing without the issuance of intermediary warnings will be considered. Neither consuming alcohol nor having open containers of alcohol is permitted in your private quarters in a host family's home or residence hall.
5. Disruption of others' rights to a peaceful living environment (e.g., with excessive noise) and privacy. This policy protects not only fellow program participants (roommates, suitemates, and flatmates) but also other inhabitants of the accommodations and/or the host family.
6. Introduction of known allergens into housing. Participants are responsible for respecting their hosts/roommates and must refrain from exposing others to disclosed allergens (e.g., peanuts).
7. No visitors will be allowed in API housing at any time. This includes friends or family members who may be visiting the host city during the program session. When interacting with visiting friends or family members outside of the API housing, API students must continue to practice social distancing and wear masks, as even nuclear family members from home would represent an exposure risk to other students in the housing bubble. Hosting of parties or overnight guests. Parties and overnight guests are strictly prohibited in the housing provided by API.
8. Bringing pets or animals into API housing. Exceptions may be granted for service animals, depending on the availability of housing that allows service animals.
9. Giving assigned keys to other participants or guests or to make duplications. Participants whose keys are lost or stolen will be held responsible for their replacement or the cost of changing the lock in question.
10. Jeopardizing the safety and the property of others by neglecting to secure common spaces (e.g., failure to properly lock doors, windows, shutters; loss of keys) or by allowing strangers into accommodations (e.g. allowing an unknown person into the building after you, admitting an unknown or unanticipated service person, inviting individuals you have just met into the apartment, etc.).

11. Participants are ultimately responsible for what happens in their room and/or apartment. If you have guests in your apartment and they cause damage or otherwise initiate a disciplinary incident, you could be held responsible for any resulting fees or sanctions.

IV. PAYMENTS, MOVING PROCEDURES AND DAMAGES

1. Housing is provided only for full-time students in good standing. Housing privileges can be revoked if the student's status changes at any point during the contract period. Students who are in fall term housing must be registered for classes for the spring term by the payment deadline to continue with housing. For students enrolling in fall and spring semester housing in a shared flat or individual studio in a residence hall, housing is included during the break between sessions. Students enrolling in fall and spring housing with a host family must pay an additional fee if they would like to stay with their family during the break between sessions (which is subject to the availability of the host family).

2. If a participant is dismissed from the school or loses housing privileges due to an academic or disciplinary issue, API will provide housing for the participant for up to two days post-dismissal, to allow the participant to make arrangements to return to their home country or to make alternate housing arrangements if planning to stay in Paris.

3. All housing accommodations are contracted and paid for the full contracted housing period. Participants who choose to move out of their pre-arranged housing prior to completing the session are not entitled to any type of housing refund.

4. If a participant insists on a move that API does not deem mandatory, there may be charges assessed for moving as well as additional fees to pay for the new housing.

5. Shifts in enrollment between semesters and changes to apartment availability or other factors may make it necessary for participants to move apartments during the contracted housing period.

6. Participants are required to notify their on-site director about any damages or problems noticed upon move-in. Any and all housing problems experienced during the session, regardless of whose responsibility they are, should be reported immediately to the on-site director.

7. API reserves the right to require participants to assume the cost of pest control treatments, including required laundering of personal items, in the event of an infestation of bedbugs or other pest.

8. Damages to accommodations resulting from misuse or negligence will be assessed to the participant(s) in question.

9. Participants whose housing privileges are revoked by API or the housing provider will be responsible for vacating the provided housing by the deadline given by API or the provider. The participant also must identify alternate housing and pay for the cost of the new housing on their own. On-site directors will be available to assist the participant in identifying suitable options, in order to promote the participant's safety.

10. Property insurance in the case of theft is not included as part of the housing cost. If this is a concern for you, you should consider insuring your personal belongings with an individual policy in advance.

11. Participants must vacate the housing on the check-out date by 10 am and follow all check-out procedures given. API is not responsible for any personal belongings left behind.

V. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Participants who disregard the policies outlined here will face disciplinary consequences. API may choose to utilize any of the following disciplinary measures at its own discretion, depending on the severity of the infraction by the participant:

1. Issuance of warnings:

a) Verbal warning: The API on-site director will discuss the participant's behavior with the individual in question. The specific behavior will be identified and the participant will be asked to discontinue such behavior.

b) Written warning: The API on-site director will issue a written warning to the participant. This warning will outline the negative behavior and may establish specific conditions for continued participation in the program. The participant in question will be asked to sign the warning acknowledging the problematic behavior. This written warning may serve as the last effort to promote behavior modification before dismissal from the program. At this stage, the emergency contact may be contacted.

2. Implementation of an individualized behavioral plan: Participants whose behavior can be considered harmful to themselves and/or others may be required to complete an assessment with an on-site health professional. Based on the recommendations of the evaluator, Parsons Paris and API reserve the right to implement a behavioral plan with the participant, including requiring ongoing consultation with local medical professionals, attendance at local support group meetings, cooperation with local authorities, periodic check-ins with the on-site directors, etc.

3. Loss of housing: Participants who fail to abide by housing regulations may be removed from program housing either temporarily or for the remainder of the session. Participants will be responsible for paying any costs incurred to secure housing independently of the program.

4. Assessment of damages: Participants are responsible for and will be billed by API for any damages caused by misbehavior or negligence.

VI. APPEALING DISCIPLINARY ACTION(S)

1. Participants who are issued a written warning or removed from program housing temporarily or permanently may appeal the decision by submitting a written appeal to the Senior Director of Student Services and Admissions within 48 hours of the disciplinary action. Oral arguments will not be accepted, and the appeal will be reviewed solely on the basis of the written testimony and any other physical evidence (e.g., photographs, videos, etc.) submitted for consideration.

2. The Senior Director of Student Services and Admissions, in consultation with The New School, will have 72 hours to review the participant's appeal and make a ruling. All original consequences/sanctions will remain in effect until the Senior Director of Student Services and Admissions has reviewed the written statement of the participant.

3. The decision of the Senior Director of Student Services and Admissions, or her designee, shall be final.

VII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT OF PARTICIPANT

1. I understand that the above rules, regulations and policies are enforced for the safety of all program participants living in program housing. I have read and agree to comply with all the rules, regulations, and policies stated in this document.

2. I understand that API will gather personal data about me and my online presence for the purposes of processing payment and arranging housing on my behalf.

3. I acknowledge that I am willingly providing the requested personal data on the application form, which will be used only by Parsons Paris, API, and the housing partner(s) for the purposes of securing my housing placement.

4. If I wish to retract my consent for use of this personal data, I understand that I must make such a request by email to Fernando.Davila@apiabroad.com. I understand that doing so could hinder API's efforts to provide quality service to me.

5. I understand that Parsons Paris and/or API directors in Paris may need to communicate information about me to the main office of API in Texas and/or my emergency contact if an issue arises in my housing which requires discussion and resolution.

VIII. EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES DUE TO COVID-19

1. Participants are expected to abide by any regulations enacted by local officials to control the spread of the virus, as well as requirements set forth by API or the housing facility.

2. If an individual experiences symptoms of COVID-19, they will be required to follow local guidelines, including testing, isolating until symptoms subside and/or they get a negative test result, and informing local health authorities and/or API of all individuals they were in contact with during the period preceding their illness. API will follow the direction of local health authorities regarding recommended contact tracing, quarantine protocols and housing adjustments.

3. Housing Bubbles: While abroad, roommates and flatmates will be considered the equivalent of a nuclear family. This designation means that while interacting outdoors or within the apartment with roommates, students will not be required or advised to wear a mask unless a member of the housing bubble suspects that they have been exposed to COVID-19. API recommends that participants take proper precautions when interacting with people outside of their housing bubble by wearing a mask and staying physically distanced.

Should a roommate/flatmate be confirmed with having COVID-19 by a local doctor or COVID-19 diagnostic test:

In the majority of cases, roommates/flatmates will be quarantined along with the diagnosed roommate/flatmate, just as one would with a nuclear family at home, providing that the API housing has more than one bathroom or ensuite bathrooms. For this quarantine period, students will not be allowed to leave your API housing to attend classes or for any other reason.

If the assigned housing does not have a minimum of two bathrooms, students would have the option of remaining in the original API housing placement while quarantining with the ill student, or being moved to an alternate location for the quarantine period, at API's expense.

If students are staying in housing with more than one bathroom and would prefer to quarantine outside of API housing (e.g., in a local hotel), the student would assume financial responsibility for doing so and are advised that it may not be possible due to local public health guidelines.

If a student were to decide to proactively leave API housing after potential exposure to COVID-19, they must make every effort to follow local health guidelines, such as limiting interactions with other people while moving to alternate housing and using a mask at all times.

By checking this box and typing my name below, I acknowledge that I understand the information provided and agree to the terms and conditions stated on this electronic form.