

# Housing Resources

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## Short term rental options

- Short term rental is a great option for students who are coming to study as an exchange student at York University. It is also a great option for students who are not able to find places before landing in Canada. Short term rentals are a great tool for students to settle down and help in their transition period.
- Short term rental can last from few days to even a few months depending on the host of the house.




## Long term rentals options

- Long term rentals are excellent options for students who are coming to York University to complete their undergraduate degree or graduate degree.
- Unlike short term rentals, long term rentals allow students to live at a place for a minimum of at least one year or more depending upon the landlord.






## Tips

- Know what amenities are included in the lease: Hydro (electricity), water, gas, internet, parking, locker, pets, and other.
- Look at your commute time to campus. Plan to arrive to campus at least 30 minutes before your class begins (in case of any transportation or weather delays).
- There are different transportation modes around Toronto: streetcar, subway, bus, Go Train, Go Bus. Search for transportation methods near the house you are looking to rent. TTC has [monthly student passes](#).
- Review [this website of Toronto Board](#) to keep yourself up to date.
- [This website](#) will help you with general rental terminology and expectations of renting in Canada.


## Short Term Rentals

Website	Description
<p data-bbox="203 338 297 369"><a href="#"><u>Airbnb</u></a></p> 	<p data-bbox="615 380 1373 606">A website and app for students that is cost effective, provides variety of options, and gives students location flexibility. Moreover, some owners provide long term discounts. You'll be able to find different accommodation options, personalized amenities and get an opportunity to live like a local.</p>
<p data-bbox="203 688 297 720"><a href="#"><u>Amber</u></a></p> 	<p data-bbox="615 688 1411 842">Amber partners up with universities to provide students with housing options. It provides students with options within specific location searches (for example: near York University).</p>
<p data-bbox="203 1010 496 1041"><a href="#"><u>Places4students.com</u></a></p> 	<p data-bbox="615 1010 1414 1083">Students create an account for free and look for properties in Toronto. Services are free for students.</p>



## Long Term Rentals

Website	Description
<p><a href="#"><u>Rentola</u></a></p> 	<p>You can see properties listed by several landlords and even compare different prices.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Condos.ca</u></a></p> 	<p>Condos.ca is known for its largest database for houses all across Greater Toronto Area. They also provide with historical price ranges of a building. You will be working directly with a realtor. Creating an account is free.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>RE/MAX</u></a></p> 	<p>RE/MAX is short for Real Estate Maximums. Search for places to rent. Their website is user friendly and easily accessible. They have also been voted as #1 most trusted real estate agents for six times in a row.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Relator</u></a></p> 	<p>Relator not only provides people living in and around Greater Toronto Area to find a perfect place for themselves but also provides a list of registered real estate agents that help and guide people to find their home away from home.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Zolo</u></a></p> 	<p>Zolo is an online platform where one can find the place of their choice. Sign up and enquire about a house.</p>

## Apps

Applications	Description
<p><b>Kijiji</b></p> 	<p>Kijiji is used for many different purposes, including selling items and renting. Kijiji is available on both iOS and Android.</p>
<p><b>Facebook Marketplace</b></p> 	<p>Facebook Marketplace is another app used to buy or sell anything and also to look to rent a room or house. Availability depends on location.</p>

## Places closest to York University (The Quad and The Village)

Website	Description
<p><u><a href="#">The Quad</a></u></p> 	<p>It offers many first-class amenities whether it is gym or a mini grocery store. There are many room types available for one year lease and subleasing is also available.</p>
<p><u><a href="#">The Village</a></u></p> 	<p>An affordable option for students. Students can get a private accommodation or a shared, based on their preferences. Leases can vary from a couple of months to a year depending on the landlord.</p>