

2021 On-Campus Housing Lottery Guide

Lottery Dates & Eligibility

First Round Eligible	12:00noon start time	Students Eligible for Round based on fall 2021 Class Standing (found in Polaris)	Individual Points
Round 1	Wednesday, June 16	Senior, Second Semester Senior, First Semester Junior, Second Semester (Class Year ≤ 2022)	3
Round 2	Tuesday, June 22	Junior, Second Semester (Class Year ≥ 2023) Junior, First Semester Sophomore, Second Semester (Class Year ≤ 2023)	2
Round 3	Monday, June 28	Sophomore, Second Semester (Class Year ≥ 2024) Sophomore, First Semester First Year, Second Semester	1

Info Sessions

	Date	Time	Location
Info Session	Wed., June 9	12:00-1:00 PM	https://bowdoin.zoom.us/j/96338974242?pwd=Z1FzUk9VeUk3WklCWE1pcld4bzYxdz09 Meeting ID: 963 3897 4242 Passcode: 282989
Q&A Drop-in	Tues., June 15	4:00-5:00 PM	https://bowdoin.zoom.us/j/98636651067?pwd=SzFiOHJQWFc0TWf3b1pDK3FjKzhpUT09 Meeting ID: 986 3665 1067 Passcode: 373113
Q&A Drop-in	Mon., June 21	4:00-5:00 PM	Same as Q & A above
Q&A Drop-in	Fri., June 25	4:00-5:00 PM	Same as Q & A above

Lottery Calendar

Lottery Round	Online Roommate Groups Due	Assigned timeslots for room selection emailed	Online Lottery room selection Timeslots begin at 12:00noon EST lottery remains open until 12:00noon the following day
Round 1	Tuesday, June 15 9:00 AM	Tuesday, June 15 mid-afternoon	Wednesday, June 16
Round 2	Monday, June 21 9:00 AM	Monday, June 21 mid-afternoon	Tuesday, June 22
Round 3	Friday, June 25 12:00noon	Friday, June 25 late-afternoon	Monday, June 28 This lottery is open thru June 30 at 9:00 AM Groups may reconfigure throughout this time

What is the Lottery?

Each spring, enrolled seniors¹, juniors, and sophomores choose housing for the upcoming academic year by participating in the annual housing lottery. College housing for the fall 2021 semester will be assigned as outlined in this document.

¹Any reference to a class, such as "seniors" should be taken to mean "rising seniors."

The process consists of three different roommate group deadlines and their corresponding lotteries. Once you select and confirm housing, you are ineligible for upcoming lottery rounds.

When students submit roommate groups for a lottery round, their group is eligible for the lottery round of the person with the lowest eligibility in their group. Each roommate group regardless of size will only receive one timeslot. Once the group's timeslot is reached, they can select housing right away, or reconfigure their group until they make a housing selection or the Round closes. If a Group does not select during their initial round, they should reconfigure their roommate group for the next round.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the lottery, Polaris must reflect that you are enrolled and will be on campus for the fall 2021 semester as of June 10, 2021. If you have questions about your enrollment status, please contact your Dean at 207-725-3149.

You are NOT eligible for the Housing Lottery if:

- You were released to live off campus next year via the off-campus lottery.
- Your fall 2021 status in Polaris indicates you are studying away*, on leave, etc., or

****Students who have reserved their option to study abroad fall semester must select in Coles Tower either by themselves or with a group of friends.***

If your off-campus study or off-campus housing plans change, the Residential Life Office will attempt to assign you housing during the summer comparable to your classmates as space permits. If you have questions, contact Lisa Rendall, Director of Residential and Housing Operations, at 207-725-3589.

What's New this Year

- We are back to regular density in our housing! For example, one-bedroom Brunswick Apartments are 2-person apartments again, Pine Street Apartments are 4-person apartments again, etc.
- Pine Street Apartments and Stowe Inn will continue to be available for student housing next year
- 84-86 Federal Street will be a substance-free building available for students this year. Each apartment has a private bathroom and full kitchen, the building comprises:
 - 1 two-bedroom double apartment
 - 2 two-bedroom quad apartments

- We will continue to use lottery app in the Bricks and Beyond housing portal which allows you to:
 - search for an additional roommate(s)
 - find a student going abroad in the spring
 - find an existing roommate group to join

Housing Terms

- **Roommate Group:** To be eligible for the lottery, every student must belong to a roommate group whether it is a group of 1 or 8. Students not in a roommate group will NOT be assigned a timeslot for room selection.
- **Suite:** Includes a common room and bedrooms. Some suites include private bathrooms.
- **Apartment:** Includes a kitchen, bathroom and common room in addition to bedroom(s).
- **Substance-Free Residence:** There is no alcohol consumption or smoking of any kind in the common and private areas of the residence.

Substance Free Housing

There is no alcohol consumption or smoking of any kind in the common and private areas of the residence. Excessive noise and disorderly conduct in these residences resulting from substance use outside of the residence will not be tolerated and will be considered grounds for reassignment when brought to the attention of the Residential Life Office. By choosing a space in substance-free housing students agree to comply with building expectations. Substance-free housing will be available for selection during all lottery rounds, given this new lottery structure there will be no added points for students who lived in substance free housing their first year. Sub-Free locations for upperclass students are:

- **Howell House** -- Howell House is offered through the College House selection process.
- **Howard Hall** -- Howard Hall is 4-person and 5-person suites; therefore students may choose Howard only as a roommate group of four or five.
- **Mayflower Apartments** -- Mayflower Apartments comprise 2-person and 3-person apartments.
- **Park Row Apartments, Building 4** – One building in the Park Row complex is designated substance-free and comprise two 4-person, one 6-person and one 8-person apartments.
- **Smith House** -- Smith House comprise 1-person rooms and one 2-person room.
- **52 Harpswell Road** -- 52 Harpswell comprise 1 and 2-person rooms and one 4-person room.
- **84-86 Federal Street** – One 2-person apartment and two 4-person apartments.

Be advised that any student violations to the substance-free policy that come to the attention of Residential Life could result in reassignment to another space on campus.

Residence Requirement

Students are required to live in college housing during their first two years at Bowdoin. Juniors and seniors wishing to live off campus are required to enter the Off-Campus Housing Lottery to receive approval to live in off-campus housing. Students required to live in college housing who do not participate in the on-campus lottery will be assigned a space in early August on a space available basis.

What are the housing options?

1-person (singles)	
7	52 Harpswell (sub-free)
46	Chamberlain Hall
16	Coles Tower (4 quads to select as a singles)
8	Smith House (sub-free)
16	Stowe Inn
6	Stowe Inn Apts (efficiency)
99	Total 1-person rooms (99 beds)
2-person (doubles)	
12	52 Harpswell (sub-free)
2	84/86 Federal Street Apts (sub-free)
64	Brunswick Apts
29	Chamberlain Hall
4	Mayflower Apts (sub-free)
1	Smith House (sub-free)
112	Total 2-person suites/Apts (224 beds)
3-person (triples)	
26	Brunswick Apts
2	Coles Tower
8	Mayflower Apts (sub-free)
12	Stowe Inn Apts.
48	Total 3-person Apts (144 beds)
Total Beds Available: 1107*	
*includes Res Life student staff rooms	

4-person (quads)	
1	52 Harpswell (sub-free)
2	84/86 Federal Street Apts (sub-free)
8	Chamberlain Hall
47	Coles Tower
8	Harpswell Apts
11	Howard Hall (sub-free)
2	Park Row Apts (sub-free Bldg 4)
6	Park Row Apts
12	Pine Street Apts
97	Total 4-person suites/Apts (388 beds)
5-person (quints)	
3	Howard Hall (sub-free)
2	Stowe Inn Apts
11	Stowe Hall
16	Total 5-person suites (80 beds)
6-person	
6	Harpswell Apts
1	Park Row Apts (sub-free Bldg 4)
3	Park Row Apts
10	Total 6-person Apts (60 beds)
8-person	
9	Harpswell Apts
1	Coles Tower (4 singles, 2 doubles)
1	Park Row Apts (sub-free Bldg 4)
3	Park Row Apts
14	Total 8-person Apts (112 beds)

Please note: This list should only be used as a guide. The final list of the spaces available will be available on-line while each Round of room selection is open and can be found here: <https://www.bowdoin.edu/residential-life/housing/lottery/index.html>

Registered events not permitted in the following locations: Mayflower Apartments, Howard Hall, Park Row building 4, Smith House, Stowe Inn, 84/86 Federal Street and 52 Harpswell Road.

Roommate Groups

- Create roommate groups in the Bricks and Beyond housing portal: <https://housing.bowdoin.edu>
- Talk with others in your group EARLY to find out their Round eligibility. You don't want any surprises when you aren't eligible for a round because a member of your group isn't eligible.
- You must create a Roommate Group to select a room (even if you are a "group" of one).
- All members in a Roommate Group must have accepted. Any pending members of the group will not be eligible for room selection.
- Each eligible roommate group will receive a "timeslot" which is their allotted time for their group leader to login to Bricks and Beyond and select a room. Be sure your leader will be available and have internet access during the lottery time period. The leader can transfer leadership to another group member before the deadline if needed.
- After your timeslot is reached your Roommate Group may reconfigure to into multiple smaller groups or merge with other group(s) so you are the correct group size to select available housing.
 - Note: if you plan to reconfigure our Roommate Group, all members of the Group must be available to accept invites to new groups, create new groups, etc.
- Once you (or your group) select housing in your round, you are ineligible for upcoming lotteries.
- If you do not choose housing during your first lottery round, you need to reconfigure and create new roommate group(s) to participate in the next lottery round.

Mixed Class Year Roommate Groups

Students who wish to live together but are from different class years are able to do so. Mixed point groups are *eligible for lottery round of the group member with the lowest point*. Within their eligible lottery round, the groups' points will be averaged and those groups will almost always have a timeslot earlier than same class year groups within the round. For example, a mixed group of juniors and seniors will be eligible for Round 2, their points will be averaged and will have a timeslot before the all-junior groups in Round 2.

A Working Example of the Lottery in Progress

- Login to Bricks and Beyond (requires Duo sign-in) and create a roommate group, be sure everyone accepts.
- Confirm your roommate group leader will be available during room selection night. If not, transfer leadership to another member of the group before the roommate group submission deadline for your round.
 - Note: if you plan to reconfigure your Roommate Group during the lottery, all members of the group must be available to accept invites to new groups, create new groups, etc.
- Need another roommate? Looking for someone going abroad in the spring? Search for a roommate using the mandatory profile criteria or other search options.
- Your group is finalized when everyone invited has accepted and there are no pending requests.
- When you receive your group's timeslot, have a final chat about where you want to live, designate members of the group to watch the lottery webpage that will have available rooms updated every 10 minutes.

- Each round will have all room configurations available. When it is your group leader's turn to select, they will only see available rooms that match your group size. A group of 5 will only see available 5-person rooms in Stowe Inn, Stowe Hall and Howard Hall. A group of 6, only available 6-person apartments in Harpswell and Park Row. And so on, you get the idea.
- If your group doesn't like their options, they can reconfigure at any point between when your timeslot begins and the lottery closes to see different sized available rooms. A group of 8 can split into two groups of 4 and select quads near each other, two groups of 1 can join together to select a double together, etc.
- Your group leader will select a building, a room/suite/apartment within that building and then assign each member of the group to a bed. If they change their mind, they can "go back" and look at a different building until they are ready to commit to a room.
- Once that selection is confirmed, your roommate group has housing next fall! You're all done. No "give backs" once the room is confirmed.
- Keep in mind that there are roommate groups behind you whose timeslots may be reached while you are still making your housing decision. The sooner your group leader finalizes their choice, the more options there will be to choose from. The selection will be held in the "cart" for ten minutes, if not finalized after ten minutes the room will be released for others to select and your group will need to select a new room.

Things to Consider

- Who do you want to live with?
- Do they want to live with you?
- Have you asked them yet?
- Are they a neat freak? And you're messy, right? Are you sure that will work?
- What about the group? Will they stay up all night partying?
- Do you go to bed early so you can get up for practice?
- Are you sure living with that group will work?
- Remember, great friends do not always make great roommates.
- What have you learned about yourself and your housing needs in the past year(s)?

Talking honestly now will help you avoid stress and conflicts later. Be sure to discuss lifestyles, habits, and expectations plainly before agreeing to room with someone. Don't assume anything; ask them!

Roommate Matching

Many students find themselves without a roommate when their friends decide to live with others, move off-campus, or study away. If you are in this situation, talk to your Proctor. They may know others with the same dilemma. If you are in the Class of 2024, submit a sophomore housing form in Bricks and Beyond to be assigned a roommate(s) and room prior to the lottery. Or, search the "mandatory profiles" in the online lottery for someone with similar habits also looking for a roommate. If you need more help, contact the Office of Residential Life.

Housing Changes after the Lottery

There are three ways to seek alternate housing:

1. After all lotteries are complete, talk with or e-mail Lisa Rendall, Director of Residential and Housing Operations and request a change if space permits. Although there are no guarantees, spaces may become available over the summer. Once classes begin, you'll need to seek a change through the other two options.
2. The Residential Life Office allows upperclass students to swap rooms during the first two weeks of classes each semester. The swap must be mutually agreed upon by all students living within the suite(s)/apartment(s) involved in the swap.
3. Any upperclass student may make an appointment with Lisa Rendall to discuss available open rooms and request to be reassigned.

Off-Campus Study

Abroad in the fall:

- If your study abroad status is **definite**: You do not participate in the housing lottery. Your [Study Abroad Form](#) will be used as your request for spring semester housing. You may update this form thru November 1. Typically, students are assigned to one of their top three choices. Sometimes students with opposite study away plans (fall v. spring) plan to swap rooms. Please indicate this proposed plan on your Study Abroad Form. The Office of Residential Life will do its best to accommodate these requests, but there is no guarantee the specific assignment can be made. Spring housing assignments are made in early December and posted to the Bricks and Beyond housing portal.
- If your study abroad status is **probable**: You must select in Coles Tower either by yourself or with a group of friends.

Abroad in spring 2022: You may participate in the online lottery process.

Your Lottery Application Form Becomes Your Residence Agreement

Your lottery application form is also your [Residence Agreement](#). By submitting the lottery application form you agree to abide by all Bowdoin rules and regulations. This agreement includes all rules and regulations in the most recent edition of the [Code of Community Standards](#), *Residential Life Opening and Closing Notices*, *Break Notices*, *Break Housing Applications*, the annual *Housing Lottery Guide*, on-line housing information, and any other Residential Life notices. Other documents are available upon request from the Residential Life Office throughout the year.

The *Residence Agreement* becomes binding when you take occupancy of college housing during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Additional Circumstances

Students interested in receiving a housing accommodation must have contacted [Lesley Levy](#), Director of Student Accessibility, or submit a request on the [Student Accessibility Office](#) website on or before May 14.

When information of this nature is requested, it is kept confidential by the Director of Student Accessibility. The Director of Residential Life will defer to ADA accommodation decisions made by the Director of Student Accessibility and make housing accommodations accordingly.

Students interested in more information regarding married student or family housing should have contacted [Lisa Rendall](#) via email prior to May 14.

Fall 2021 Opening

Upperclass students are expected to arrive for the Fall 2021 Semester on or after 12:00noon Sunday, August 29, 2021. Please plan accordingly. This opening date is **firm**. No upperclass student will be allowed to return prior to this date unless they are approved to participate in a college-authorized training or activity.

The Right to Assign or Reassign

The Director of Residential Life reserves the right to assign any vacancy in college housing at any time, and/or to reassign any student at any time. If you have questions, contact the Office of Residential Life.

Changes to these Procedures

The Director of Residential Life reserves the right to change, modify, or alter these procedures as necessary.

Questions

Attend a Lottery info session, call, e-mail, or stop by the Office of Residential Life with any questions about the lottery process.

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