Housing Selection 2018-2019 Cheat Sheet

The Fine Print
• Must be current on-campus resident who will have lived on campus for 6 or fewer semesters at the end of Spring 2018.
• Selecting for entire academic year – Fall 2018 and Spring 2019

Deposit:
• $300 non-refundable; due with application
• If deposit not paid, applicant will not progress to selection
• Contact us ahead of time with financial concern about paying the deposit.
• Can complete deposit waiver if EFC is less than $1500

The Process in a Nutshell
1. Submit applications and pay deposit - all students do their own application
2. Form a group
3. Research available suites
4. Select suite - group leader selects for all members of group

1. Application
• 10am December 15 - 3pm February 2
  – May update application anytime during the window.
  – If miss application window, cannot participate in housing selection
• Everyone does their own application - you will not be grouping during the application process
• Application is binding - will be used to create the selection order
  • If applying as group:
    – Indicate the approximate number of people in group.
  • If applying as individual:
    – Put self as group leader

2. Forming a Group
• Grouping will take place Feb 12-16
• Groups can have 6, 5, 4, 3, or 2 members.
• All groups have a group leader.
  – Group leader will be responsible for selecting the suite for the group during assigned selection window.
  – Group leader should be trustworthy and responsible!

Things to discuss before you decide to be a group:
• What can you each afford? Groups should select a suite that all members can afford!
• Singles doubles and Triples: Who will be roommates if you select a suite with doubles or triples? Who gets the singles?
• Lifestyle habits:
  – Messiness
  – use of space (social or study)
  – sharing belongings
  – sleep hours/quiet hours
  – guests (daytime and overnight)
  – room temperature
  – Does anyone need to be here during winter break

3. Researching Available Suites
• General Availability:
  – Over 70% of space is in 4-person suites.
  – ~7% of spaces are in suites for 6 people. These are only in Northern Neck, and Potomac Heights.
  – ~12% of spaces are in suites for 3 people. Many are 4-person suites where a space is held for an RA or special population. Others are suites with triples (expanded occupancy)
  – ~9% of spaces are in suites for 2 people.
• Chart of Suite-type availability by building
  – Use floorplans located on the housing website

4. Selecting Your Suite – Groups
• Each group will be given a selection window. Each selection window will have several groups in it.
• The group leader will have the pull-in information for all members of the group. They will select the suite for the group.
  – Other members of the group do not select. They do not log-in to selection software.

Selecting Your Suite – Individuals
• Each individual will be assigned to a selection window. Selection windows will have several individuals in them.
• During their assigned window, an individual will log-in and select their space. If there is additional space in the suite they choose, they may pull-in other students who are in the individual process.

Selection Dates:
Groups of 6 March 1- March 2
Groups of 5 March 5
Groups of 4 March 7-8
Groups of 3 March 20 -21
Groups of 2 March 27-28
Individual April 4-6

Selection Order – Seniority
• Group order determined by average seniority of group members
• Seniority based upon credits earned at Mason.
• Groups will be given selection times based upon availability of suites. Groups who have a selection time will select in order of most seniority to least.

Selection Process
• If there are more applications than there are bed spaces available, individuals and groups with the most seniority will go directly to the Waitlist.
• Groups of 6 select first.
• Members of groups of 6 who do not select will be moved to individual selection.

• Members of groups who are given a selection time are STRONGLY encouraged to select!
• Groups of 5, 4, 3, or 2 will select next.
• Members of groups who do not select will be moved to individual selection.
• Individuals will select next. This includes students who applied as individuals and those who did not select in earlier rounds.
• Because only as many people as there are bed spaces available are participating in selection, there will be enough available beds for the individuals who are left. There is no guarantee there will be a space of their desired type available!

• Individuals may pull-in other individuals if there is space in their selected suite.
• Individuals who do not select may apply for the Waitlist in May. These students will lose housing priority.

Waitlist
• Students who are directed straight to the Waitlist due to high seniority
• Students who missed selection or who live off campus may begin to apply in June.

Cancellation
• If have an assignment but want to cancel...
  — Grace Period will be April 17-20
Finding a Roommate or Suitemate
• Talk to your RA
• Join the Facebook “Mason Housing Selection Roommate/ Suitemate Finder” Group
• Attend a Roommate/ Suitemate Social: January 25, January 29, February 7

Room Tours
January 30, January 31, February 1