FAQ - Changes to Your 2020-2021 Housing Selection

Based on the Public Order from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), UCLA Housing must further restrict the number of students who can live on campus. Financial Aid and Scholarships office will be required to make award adjustments for students who are no longer living on campus based on housing cancellations communicated to us by the Housing Office over the next several weeks.

You can use our Net Price Calculator www.financialaid.ucla.edu/Parent/Net-Price-Calculator to estimate your eligibility for financial aid and to see how your eligibility for grant and non-grant assistance would change, if you change your housing status. If you are a continuing student, please indicate “transfer student” on the calculator.

1. My award letter was updated to “commuter/remote learner but I will be living in an off-campus apartment. What do I need to do?
Submit a Housing Adjustment Form along with supporting documentation so that we may correct your award. Please allow a couple of weeks for adjustments to be made.

2. I plan to live on-campus but my budget is based on remote learner or off-campus expenses. How do I change this?
Once you sign your housing contract a please submit the Housing Adjustment Form. If you are eligible for grant aid we will increase your grant to assist with your housing costs. The grant increase will be approximately $1,700 if you are moving from off-campus apartment and $9,000 if your housing changes from remote learner to on campus. If you are not grant eligible additional housing expense will be covered by loans.

3. How can I accept my on-campus housing offer if I have not yet received my financial aid award letter for 2020-21?
We will award all students up to the cost of attendance with loans, and grant (if eligible) to meet the needs of your tuition/fees, housing, and other educational expenses.

4. Will my Pell Grant and Cal-Grant be affected if I change my housing status to “commuter/remote learning?”
No, your Pell Grant will not change. However, you must have a minimum need of $14,070 to maintain your Cal Grant eligibility.

5. My housing installment payment is due. Will this be automatically deducted from my financial aid award or do I need to pay out of my pocket?
Fall 2020 financial aid will disburse the evening of September 21st. If you have concerns about making your initial housing installment payment, please contact the UCLA Housing Office at uclahousing@housing.ucla.edu.

6. Will I be able to change my Winter or Spring ’21 housing selection if classes resume to in-person?
Yes, if your status changes mid-year, we will be able to adjust your award for winter and spring or spring.

7. Can I make changes to my housing status at any time?
Yes, simply submit a Housing Adjustment Form and provide the supporting documentation requested in the form.

8. What if my housing cost exceeds the amount that is stipulated in my academic year housing budget?
The standard rent component for 2020-21 on-campus housing is $1917, while off-campus is $1128. If you are paying over the standard cost of respective housing, we will meet your needs by increasing your loans to cover the difference. You will need to submit a Housing Adjustment Form.

9. Will I still be eligible for UCLA’s housing next year?
Yes, UCLA Housing will be extending students’ guarantee, regardless of whether or not they lived on-campus during the 2020-21 academic year.

You can find many answers to additional housing questions online at ask.housing.ucla.edu