

Living in Potsdam



The UE campus in Potsdam located on the Think Campus neighboring incubators such as SAP, Oracle and Tesla. The university location is therefore in close proximity to companies that are pioneers in the fields of technology, data and design. Life in Potsdam is relaxed and the clocks tick a little slower than they do elsewhere. Students at the Innovation Hub have the choice of living in a relaxed atmosphere in Potsdam or in the vibrant German capital of [Berlin](#). Depending on exact location

and connections, the journey takes between 20 and 60 minutes. The search for housing in Potsdam can be especially difficult in popular areas like the inner city, Babelsberg, Brandenburger Vorstadt and Jägervorstadt. So, you should definitely take look at other districts and try to learn something about the neighborhood to which you might be moving to.

General Information

The search for an apartment takes about 2 - 4 months due to the great demand and up to 6 months to find a place in a student dorm - so start looking in advance and also do the interviews if necessary from home via Skype.

Don't rule out limited time offers. Competition is especially high during peak times like the start of a new semester, as many students are looking for an apartment, room, or other form of housing. It will be much easier for you to find the perfect apartment if you are not under time pressure.



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Also, look at the neighborhood to see if a potential room or apartment really meets your requirements. FOR EXAMPLE: Are there supermarkets nearby? Is it well connected to public transport? How about cycling? Coming home in the evening, etc.

Activate your social network. Usually there is always someone who knows someone. Also, join Facebook groups and don't be afraid to post your ad!



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It is common to pay a deposit of 1-3 months' rent. Only pay the deposit once you have a legally binding signed contract and have checked if the landlord is legitimate. Be aware of fraud - as a rule, do not transfer any money to the landlord before you have met in person, signed the contract, or before you have seen the flat. Make sure you'll get a proper handover of the flat and inform your landlord about any small or big damages during the handover. Usually there should be a written statement of the condition of the flat at the point of time you are moving in. Once you move out, the deposit will be returned if there are no damages to the flat.

Documents to prepare for your prospective landlord:

- Copy of ID (min. validity of 6 months)
- Bank statements and/or income statement for the last 3 month or statements of your co-signer

Additional useful documents, only applicable if you already live in Germany

- confirmation from your last landlord that you have no rent arrears
- [SCHUFA](#) credit rating report (once per year for free)

Short Stays (first weeks or for visitors)

If you have arrived in Potsdam and haven't found an apartment or a room yet, you will need a cheap short-term accommodation in a hostel near the university. You can also book a hostel in advance, before you find an apartment. Just to be on the safe side! At peak times before the start of the semester hostels are always booked out quickly. If necessary, Airbnb or couch surfing is also a good alternative.



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Booking.com	https://www.booking.com/potsdam
Airbnb	https://www.airbnb.com
Hostel World	https://www.hostelworld.com/
Potsdam Youth Hostel	https://www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/potsdam
Pension Sanssouci	https://www.pension-sanssouci.de/
Quartier Potsdam Hostel	https://www.potsdam-hostel.com/en/
Pensionsbetrieb Potsdam	https://potsdam-pension.de/en/uebersicht-english
Couchsurfing	https://www.couchsurfing.com/

Long-term Accommodation



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Shared Flats

The average price for a room in a shared apartment is about 450 €, but it can vary depending on the distance to the city center and location. It is often worthwhile to move to less popular parts of the city in order to avoid overpriced rents. The [public transport network](#) is very well developed and if you find an apartment along the S-Bahn and Tram lines, you can often get from A to B faster than you might think.

Housing communities often organize so-called "mass castings," where all applicants are invited at the same time and then the preferred future roommate is selected. If you participate in a mass casting, act natural and don't be shy. If you don't present yourself at the casting, you may miss an opportunity to be selected.

Another option is to be invited for a short, individual interview. Present yourself in the best way possible, but don't pretend.

WG-gesucht	https://www.wg-gesucht.de/en/
WG Liste Studenten	www.wg-liste.de
Wohnungsboerse	https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/

Your own flat

Immoscout 24	www.immobilienscout24.de
Nestpick	www.nestpick.com
Housing Anywhere	www.housinganywhere.com
Immowelt	www.immowelt.de
Immonet	www.immonet.de
Ebay Kleinanzeigen	https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-immobilien/c195

Student Residences

Student residences are a good option, especially for those starting out in a new city and studying. They are often cheaper, but they usually have waiting lists and it is strongly recommended to give your name months in advance. Most of the time you will live in single rooms on a corridor with a shared kitchen, though there are also rooms in smaller groups with their own kitchen. It is a very good opportunity to make friends and to find a connection in Potsdam.



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BaseCamp	from 540€ for a studio
Filmpark	from 545€ for a one-room flat
Studenten Wohnungen	from 520€ for a one-room flat; from 460€ for a room in a shared flat
The Twenty	from 444€
Youniq	from 459€

Facebook Groups

WG & Wohnung Potsdam gesucht <https://de-de.facebook.com/groups/wg.wohnung.potsdam>
Potsdam: Biete/Suche: Wohnung etc <https://de-de.facebook.com/groups/biete.suche.wohnung>

For questions or more information, please contact the UE Welcome Centre at: welcome.services@ue-germany.de