

2020 On-Campus Housing Lottery Guide

ALL DATES AND AVAILABLE HOUSING WILL BE UPDATED IN JUNE 2020

Important Dates and Deadlines

	Date	Time	Location
Requests for Special Consideration: contact Student Accessibility Office on or before	Monday, March 2	5:00 PM	via e-mail or a submission from the Student Accessibility website
Check Your Lottery Points before	Monday, March 23	5:00 PM	Check Polaris – Is your class standing accurate? See below for correlating points.
Are you a rising junior? Did you change your abroad plans and forget to tell Bowdoin?	Monday, March 23	5:00 PM	Confirm your status for fall '20 is accurate in Polaris
Lottery Info Session (bring your laptop)	Tuesday, March 24	4:15-5:15 PM	Park Row Building 2 Basement
Lottery Info Session (bring your laptop)	Wednesday, March 25	4:15-5:15 PM	Park Row Building 2 Basement
Lottery Questions – drop in hours	Every Mon/Wed/Fri in April	11:00 AM – 12noon	Residential Life Office, Dudley Coe
“Find a Roommate” Event	Thursday, April 2	6:00-7:00 PM	Park Row Building 2 Basement

Lottery Point Values (based on class standing)

<u>Class Standing (from Polaris)</u>	<u>Lottery Point</u>	<u>Class Standing (from Polaris)</u>	<u>Lottery Point</u>
Senior, First Semester	3	Sophomore, Second Semester	2
Junior, Second Semester	3	Sophomore, First Semester	2
Junior, First Semester	3	First Year, Second Semester	1
		First Year, First Semester	1

Lottery Calendar

Regardless of the Round, rising seniors will always select first, followed by rising juniors than rising sophomores

	Online Roommate Groups Due	Assigned timeslots for room selection available	Online Lottery room selection Timeslots begin at 5:00 PM lottery remains open thru midnight
Round 1 – 3 points only	Monday, March 30 by 9:00 AM	Tuesday, March 31 by 10:00 AM	Tuesday, March 31
Round 2 – 2 & 3 points only	Monday, April 6 by 9:00 AM	Tuesday, April 7 by 10:00 AM	Tuesday, April 7
Round 3 - 1, 2 & 3 points	Monday, April 13 by 9:00 AM	Tuesday, April 14 by 10:00 AM	Tuesday, April 14

Round 4 – 1, 2 & 3 points	Thursday, April 16 by 12:00noon	Friday, April 17 by 10:00 AM	Friday, April 17 This lottery is open thru April 22 at 5:00 PM Groups may reconfigure throughout this time
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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 2020 semester will be assigned as outlined in this document

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

The process consists of four different roommate group deadlines and their corresponding lotteries. Each lottery round is a separate entity. No lottery round has any bearing on the previous or the upcoming rounds. Once you select and confirm housing, you are ineligible for upcoming lottery rounds.

When students submit roommate groups for a lottery round, their group's points are averaged and they are assigned a timeslot for their room selection. Each roommate group regardless of size will only receive one timeslot. 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 2020 semester as of March 23, 2020. 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:

- Your fall 2020 status in Polaris indicates you are studying away,
- You are on a leave of absence that requires you participate in the readmission process in June, or
- You are released to live off campus next year via the off-campus lottery.

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

- A new lottery platform in the Bricks and Beyond housing portal with a new lottery structure and lots of new features including the ability to search for an additional roommate, find a student going abroad in the spring or find an existing roommate group to join.
 - Instead of separate lotteries for different sized housing, lottery nights are now point based and all housing configurations will be available in each round, including substance free.

- Harpswell Apartments will be available fall 2020! These apartments will be available to 4, 6 and 8 person groups. See more info about the complex here: <https://www.bowdoin.edu/facilities/campus-construction/current-projects/harpswell-apartments.html> There will be no early arrivals permitted in this complex.
- Pine Street Apartments and Stowe Inn will not be available for the upcoming year.

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** -- 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.

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		4-person	
<u>1-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>4-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>
7	52 Harpswell (sub-free)	1	52 Harpswell (sub-free)
46	Chamberlain Hall	8	Chamberlain Hall
16	Coles Tower	49	Coles Tower
8	Smith House (sub-free)	6	Harpswell Apts
77	Total Beds (1-person)	11	Howard Hall (sub-free)
2-person		2	Park Row Apts Bldg 4 (sub-free)
<u>2-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>	6	Park Row Apts
12	52 Harpswell (sub-free)	83	Total 4-person suites/apts
63	Brunswick Apts	332	Total Beds (4-person)
29	Chamberlain Hall	5-person	
4	Mayflower Apts (sub-free)	<u>5-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>
1	Smith House (sub-free)	3	Howard Hall (sub-free)
109	Total Doubles	11	Stowe Hall
218	Total Beds (2-person)	14	Total 5-person suites
3-person		70	Total Beds (5-person)
<u>3-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>	6-person	
26	Brunswick Apts	<u>6-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>
2	Coles Tower	6	Harpswell Apts
8	Mayflower Apts (sub-free)	1	Park Row Apts Bldg 4 (sub-free)
36	Total Triples	3	Park Row Apts
108	Total Beds (3-person)	10	Total 6-person Apts
		60	Total Beds (6-person)
		8-person	
		<u>8-person</u>	<u>Locations</u>
		9	Harpswell Apts
		1	Park Row Apts Bldg 4 (sub-free)
		3	Park Row Apts
		13	Total 8-person Apts
		104	Total Beds (8-person)
Total Beds Available: 969*			
*includes Res Life student staff rooms			

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 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 lottery points. You don't want any surprises when you aren't eligible for a round because your group's average points don't meet the threshold.
- You must have a Roommate Group to be considered eligible for room selection (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.
- 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 room selection 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. Individual's points within each group will be averaged and each group will be assigned a timeslot based on that average. Some examples:

Group	Points	Lottery Round(s) eligible
four seniors	$(3+3+3+3)/4 = 3 \text{ points}$	1, 2, 3 and 4
six seniors and two juniors	$(3+3+3+3+3+3+2+2)/8 = 2.75 \text{ points}$	2, 3 4
two juniors and two sophomores	$(2+2+1+1)/4 = 1.5 \text{ points}$	3 and 4
five sophomores	$(1+1+1+1+1)/5 = 1 \text{ point}$	3 and 4

All groups with 3 points rank above those with 2.99 points, and so on. As you can imagine, many groups have the same initial number of points. All roommate groups are run through a program to randomly establish the final timeslot assignments for each lottery round.

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.
- 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.
- Once your roommate group is finalized, wait until you receive your timeslot the morning of your lottery round. 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 align with your group size. If you are a group of 5, they'll see available 5-person rooms in Stowe and Howard. A group of 6, only available 6-person apartments in Harpswell and Park Row. And so on, you get the idea.
- 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.
- 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 make 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.
- What if you are a group of eight seniors and when your timeslot begins there are no 8-person apartments left? You won't select housing in round 1. All eight students will need to reconfigure into new roommate groups – likely two groups of four who will select two 4-person suites. These two groups of seniors will receive timeslots before any juniors will begin selecting in round 2.

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 a slob, 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 RA or Proctor. They may know others with the same dilemma. Search the “mandatory profiles” in the on-line lottery for someone with similar habits also looking for a roommate or attend the “Find a Roommate” event on April 2 at 6:00 PM in the basement of Park Row, Building 2. If you need more help, come to 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 only: 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.

Abroad in the spring only: You may participate in the lottery process in March and April on-line. If you won't have regular access to the internet, please enlist a friend to select on your behalf. Before you leave the country, please be sure you have set up your Duo Sign-In to use abroad so you can access the site.

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 [Bowdoin Student Handbook](#), *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 2020-2021 academic year.

Additional Circumstances

Students interested in receiving a housing accommodation must contact [Lesley Levy](#), Director of Student Accessibility, or submit a request from the Student Accessibility Office website on or before March 2. 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 contact [Lisa Rendall](#) via email prior to March 2.

Fall 2020 Opening

Upperclass students are expected to arrive for the Fall 2020 Semester on or after 12:00noon Sunday, August 30, 2020. Please plan accordingly. This opening date is **firm**. No upperclass student will be allowed to return prior to August 30 without **express permission** from the Director of Residential and Housing Operations. Early arrival requests may be made on the Bricks and Beyond housing portal <https://housing.bowdoin.edu>

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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