

RLP Frequently Asked Questions

[How do I apply for an RLP?](#)

To apply to live in a Residential Learning Program (RLP), you will need to submit:

1. A Housing Application/Contract through myhousing.unc.edu [1], AND
2. A Residential Learning Program Application, which is also available at myhousing.unc.edu [1]. The RLP application consists of a few questions that help us understand why you are interested in the Residential Learning Program.

RLP Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all spaces are filled.

[Are there deadlines when applying for an RLP?](#)

New Students

- If you are an incoming first-year or transfer student (i.e., you have not yet arrived on campus), you are eligible to apply for a Residential Learning Program as soon as your admission reply form and enrollment deposit are received and processed.
- Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis until all spaces are filled, so it's best to submit your RLP Application as soon as you know you are interested in joining one. **FOR RETURNING STUDENTS, the RLP Application will close March 30. FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS, the RLP Application is accepted on a rolling basis until the RLP is full.** You should expect to receive notification of your status within 3-4 weeks of your application. Accept/decline decisions are due one week from your acceptance date.

Current Students

- If you are a current student (i.e., you are currently taking classes), you can apply beginning in October to live in a Residential Learning Program next year. Spaces are filled on a rolling basis as applications are received, so apply early! The final deadline to apply is the same date as the deadline to apply to be a part of the housing selection lottery.
- You are advised to also participate in the Housing Selection Process to select a backup housing assignment while your RLP application is pending.

Already living in an RLP?

- If you currently live in a Residential Learning Program and you wish to return next year (or switch to another RLP), you will follow the same instructions as Current Students. There is not a different process for returners.

[How likely is it I will be accepted to my RLP of choice?](#)

The number of spaces reserved for a RLP fluctuates from year to year based on demonstrated interest, so we encourage everyone who is interested in a RLP to apply. The application review process is intended to identify the students who will most actively participate in the program and add value to the experience.

What is the time commitment for an RLP?

Most RLPs have a weekly meeting that lasts for 2 hours, and most communities participate in another group activity during the week. You can expect a total commitment of approximately 2-5 hours a week.

Can my roommate live with me if they are not a member of the RLP?

No. Only students who have applied and been accepted into the same RLP are allowed to room together.

Can I select my room in an RLP?

No. At this time, room assignments are made by the Community Director.

Will I be able to get a single room in an RLP?

Probably not. As is the case with the overall inventory of single rooms on campus, there simply are not that many single rooms to be had. The assignment of single rooms in an RLP is at the discretion of the Community Director.

Is there a first-year student RLP?

All RLPs are open to students of any age. The only program not designed for first-year students is Transfer United.

Are there any additional costs to live in a RLP?

No. These communities are the same price as all residence halls at UNC.

How many students are in each community?

It varies. Some of our more concentrated RLPs may have 20 students, while our larger ones have more than 80 students.

Do I have to take a class to be a part of a RLP?

Some RLPs have a class component that is mandatory; these requirements are clearly outlined on each RLP page.

I haven't received a confirmation, how long does it take to get notification?

After an application is successfully submitted you should receive an email confirmation of the submission with a copy of your application. If this does not happen, make sure to check your UNC email as well as the Spam folder.

After an application is successfully submitted, please allow a minimum of two weeks for it to be processed. If you have not received an additional email after 3 weeks please notify the Housing Department.

Do RLPs require any work over the summer?

No. RLPs commence once classes begin and students move into the residence halls. Your Student Coordinator (SC) might contact you over the summer to begin building relationships and get preliminary information from students.

Any more questions?

Questions about your RLP application should be directed to the Community Director (CD) who manages the community where the RLP is housed.

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Links

[1] <https://myhousing.unc.edu/>