Please read the following notes BEFORE completing the Housing Preference Form. You may wish to retain this page for future reference.

Much thought goes into our room allocation process with a number of factors being taken into account. You will benefit from this if you think carefully about what you really want, indicate your preferences clearly and return this form to us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Early applicants stand a much higher chance of getting the type of housing they want.

Although most students will receive their first or second options, please note that we are unable to guarantee any particular type of housing in advance and all allocations are subject to last minute changes.

All our housing is of a good, basic standard, usually within a 20 minutes walk (10 minutes by bus or bicycle) from the city centre (downtown Oxford) and furnished to normal Oxford student standard (any 'extras' are the responsibility of the student), and includes a British student if possible. Showers and phones are rare in Oxford student housing.

Inevitably there are trade-offs in the various options available but these are relatively minor. Most houses are structured very similarly; students will have their own private SINGLE bedroom and share common areas like a lounge, kitchen and bathroom with 4-5 other students. Dormitory type shared rooms are not common in Oxford. Kitchen equipment and bed linen is provided but students should bring their own towels.

Superior housing (either on account of its location or furnishings) carries a small supplementary charge which is payable in Oxford. This charge may be paid in British pounds or by a cheque drawn on a UK bank. We cannot accept US currency or credit cards.

Occasionally we are offered rooms in 'British student houses' (made up of Oxford undergraduates) or in college residences. This obviously offers greater integration with British students but often at the expense of location and/or comfort and it has not been a popular option.

All students accepted on the Program become members of their Oxford college JCR (Junior Common Room) which entitles them to dine in college, use the college library and participate in college sports and social events. Students are allocated to an Oxford college on the basis of what they wish to study, the relative strengths of different college libraries, the availability of college places to OPUS, and the date of their applications.

Successful applicants will be informed about their college allocation approximately four weeks prior to their arrival in Oxford and will then be able to receive mail at their Oxford college address. Housing assignments are available on arrival in Oxford.
Please rank the following housing types 1, 2 and 3 (1 for first preference, 2 for second preference, 3 for third). Please indicate two OR three preferences. Options A & B are more expensive and attract a supplementary charge. Please note this is simply a request for housing, not a guarantee of any type of housing assignment. All houses have private, single bedrooms unless otherwise indicated and involve sharing common areas like a lounge, kitchen & bathroom. All houses are of a good, basic standard at least equal to standard student accommodation. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AFTER READING THE GUIDANCE NOTES ON HOUSING.

_____ A. Higher grade house located 10 minutes' walk from the city centre, and including at least one British or Commonwealth student. Possesses all the attributes of the ideal accommodation: excellent location, modern conveniences, a garden, and possibly a British or Commonwealth flat-mate. Phone installed. Likely to be co-ed. Preference will be given to female students for this residence. **There is a supplementary charge of £170 per term for this residence payable in Oxford.**

_____ B. A modern two-house co-ed complex, well equipped and very comfortable, 10-15 minutes walk from the city centre. Phone installed. Likely to include a British student. High quality kitchen and furnishings, often with separate dining and living rooms. **There is a supplementary charge of £120 per term for this residence payable in Oxford.**

_____ C. A comfortable, well-equipped house or apartment with 4-5 students, good standard accommodation about 20-25 minutes walk from the city centre. Fully equipped kitchen and living room.

_____ D. An older, fairly basic, 4-6 bedroom student house within a 15-20 minute walk from the city centre. Often closer than Option C but less well equipped in terms of fittings and furnishings. Common lounge area, kitchen and bathroom. Phone may be installed. Likely to be co-ed.

**OTHER NON-ACADEMIC INFORMATION**
For each category, check only one option:

A. ☐ I strongly prefer non-smoking      ☐ I am a smoker      ☐ I am indifferent

B. ☐ I prefer to live with students who are fairly quiet and private
    ☐ I prefer to live with students who are gregarious and less private
    ☐ I do not mind living with students in either category

C. ☐ I prefer not to live in a co-ed house (all have private bedrooms)
    ☐ I prefer co-ed housing / I am indifferent to co-ed housing

D. ☐ I am a vegetarian     ☐ I am kosher/strictly kosher     ☐ I am neither

Please mention any other dietary requirement or physical problem we should know about.