Roommate Groups Guide
Academic Year 2023-2024

WHAT ARE ROOMMATE GROUPS

• Roommate groups give residents the chance to find and connect with friends. Matching with roommates helps ensure you will stay together when room selection or assignment occurs.

• To access roommate groups:
  1. Visit OneCampus, search and select Housing and log in
  2. Select Housing Applications in the red menu bar
  3. Select Continue on your Academic Year 2023-2024 application
  4. Click through until you arrive at the Roommate Groups step

PREPARING FOR ROOMMATE MATCHING

• Your roommate profile (what others will see) is created as you complete the housing application. The Lifestyle Questions page contain most of the information used when displaying roommate matches.

• You should answer all the questions on the Lifestyle Questions page as honestly as possible. It will help match you with others and create realistic expectations.

• If you want to appear in roommate search results, be sure you check the “Appear in roommate search” box and enter a roommate search name.

  TIP: Use a search name that is identifiable and easy to share. It will help avoid confusion when you and friends are searching for one another.

• Your response on the Gender Selection page also determines who you will see in roommate searches. You can only match with roommates who have the same selection as you.
HOW TO CREATE & JOIN ROOMMATE GROUPS

• Once on the Roommates Group page, you can create, search, and join groups.

CREATING A GROUP

• First, you will be asked to give your group a name. Like your search name, try to pick a group name that is identifiable and easy to share. Check whether you want your group to appear to others.

• You will become the group leader. More info on that in the tips section below.

SEARCHING FOR A GROUP

• Search for Person or Group lets you look up a specific person or roommate group. Use this if you already have a friend who you want to join or invite.

• Search by Living Style lets you filter based on lifestyle question responses

• Suggest Roommates will show you potential roommates you can invite or join. The percent match will show you how similar your lifestyle responses are and you can read their About Me.

• From here, you can add that person to your already-created roommate group, join their roommate group if they have one created, send them a message, or view their full roommate profile.

JOINING A GROUP

• Joining a roommate group is like sending or accepting a friend request.
  o When you add someone to your group or request to join someone’s group, they need to return to the roommate portal and accept the invite/request.
  o When you invite or request, an email notification will automatically send.
  o Invites and requests **expire after one day** so you may need to resend.
TIPS & COMMON QUESTIONS

• When you are looking for a specific person, it is best to search using their RUID number.

• Whoever initially creates the roommate group will be the group leader
  o When room selection occurs, group leaders will select the room for both residents in the group. Group leaders can also delete the group.
  o Roommate group members are unable to select their own room. Members can leave a roommate group at any time.

  **TIP:** When room selection timeslots are assigned, check with others in your roommate group and assign leadership to whoever has the earliest timeslot. Group leaders can transfer leadership to another group member anytime.

• If you are having trouble finding someone, it might be based on obligation to Radford’s Residential Boarding Policy. Students obligated to the Boarding Policy cannot join a roommate group with someone who is not obligated.

• Communicate openly with others in your group and be honest about your intentions.
  o If you no longer want to be in a group, it is better to have the conversation early and not wait until after you move-in this Fall.

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