Long Term Accommodations

RESOURCES TO USE BEFORE YOU MOVE

Regent College Housing Database
You will need to have a Regent Web Login (RWL) account to access the Database at www2.regent-college.edu/courses/login/index.php. This is where local landlords post rentals. Call to make an appointment to view a rental. Check back regularly, as new rental listings are added frequently. (See the attached Neighborhood Map to find out where a listing is located in relation to UBC’s campus)

Housing Forum
Current students often list ads for roommates, although you might be interested in posting your own add for a roommate! Students, staff and faculty also occasionally post rental opportunities here. You will need a Regent Web Login (RWL) account for access at www2.regent-college.edu/courses/login/index.php.

Special Needs Housing
For special needs housing, try the following for information/advice:
- BC Paraplegic Association: (604) 324-3611; www.bcpara.org
- BC Coalition of People with Disabilities: (604) 872-1278; www.bccpd.bc.ca

Housing Co-ops
These are mixed income communities for people of all income levels. Generally, co-ops house people of low and moderate incomes.
- CHF BC (Co-operative Housing Federation of BC): (604) 879-5111; www.chf.bc.ca

Online Rental Listings
- AMS Rents Line: www.amsrentsline.com; 1-800-411-9521
- UBC housing: www.housing.ubc.ca
- Classified Pages:
  - The Vancouver Sun: http://vancouversun.oodle.com/
  - The Province: classifieds.canada.com/vancouver/
  - Vancouver Courier: http://classified.van.net/
  - My Home Vancouver: www.myhomevancouver.com/
- Websites:
  - www.housingmaps.com
  - www.rentersden.com
  - www.padmapper.com
  - www.apptrentals.net
  - http://vancouver.en.craigslist.ca/
  - http://vancouver.kijiji.ca
  - www.apartmentscanada.com/
  - www.facultyassociation.ubc.ca/housing.php
  - www.places4rent.com
  - www.rentbc.com/vancouver-apartments.html
  - www.247apartments.com
RESOURCES TO USE WHEN YOU’RE IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver Street Map
Buy a Vancouver street map (available at Regent’s Bookstore). This will help you identify the location and distance of housing from Regent as you follow up on various listings. You can also check the routes and duration of bus travel from any location to Regent by visiting Vancouver’s public transit website at www.translink.ca.

“FOR RENT” signs
Drive the streets of local neighborhoods and look for “FOR RENT” signs. Some vacancies are only advertised this way. The areas closest to Regent are: the University Endowment Lands, Point Grey, Kitsilano, Kerrisdale, Dunbar, South Granville, and Marpole. (See attached Neighborhood Map)

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
This fantastic website (www.cmhc.ca) provides all sorts of tips for those looking to rent or buy in Vancouver. Stay informed regarding your rights as a tenant in British Columbia, and learn what to look for when you are viewing potential rental properties.

PRIVATE STUDENT RESIDENCES AT UBC

Regent College does not have residence halls, but our students are eligible to apply for residences on UBC’s campus. Each handles its own applicants, so it is best to contact them directly if you are interested. They are about a 10-12 minute walk from Regent College. Please note that housing application deadlines vary at each of these residences.

St. Andrew’s Hall
6040 Iona Dr. • Vancouver, BC • V6T 2E8; (604) 822-9720; www.standrews.edu
- Accommodation: Quad sharing apartments for singles (possibly co-ed); 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments for singles, couples, and families.
- Contract: At least 8 months for a September move-in; At least 4 months for a January move-in; Summer housing is May 1- Aug. 26
- Application: apply online – no deadline
- Waiting list: Exists on a year-to-year basis

Vancouver School of Theology
6000 Iona Dr. • Vancouver, BC • V6T 1L4; (604) 822-9031; www.vst.edu/student-housing
- Accommodation: New apartment-style residences.
- Contract: 8-month minimum contract; Current students have priority and can stay through the summers and into future academic years; Summer housing rates differ from those during the academic year
- Application: apply online – applications accepted starting February 1 each year ($30 non-refundable app. fee)
- Waiting list: Exists on a year-to-year basis

Carey Centre
5920 Iona Dr. • Vancouver, BC • V6T 1J6; (604) 224-4308; www.carey-edu.ca/accommodation/
- Accommodation: New en-suite dorms and 1- and 2-bedroom apartments.
- Contract: For single student residents, 8-month minimum contract (Sept. – April); Long-term stays are negotiable. For married couples, contracts are month-to-month and apartments are available long-term
- Application: apply online or email info@carey-edu.ca - application deadlines for current residents is mid-April and for new applicants is end of April
- Waiting list: Exists on a year-to-year basis (they do accept late applications!)
Acadia apartments
2707 Tennis Crescent · Vancouver, BC · V6T 2C1; (604) 822-4411; www.housing.ubc.ca/student-family-housing
- Accommodation: Townhouses with 1-4 bedrooms for families.
- Contract: Are contingent on student having maximum credit load; current student residents have priority; residents cannot stay for more than 4 years
- Application: Contact Acadia for guest I.D. as a Regent Student. ID is necessary for access to the online application
- Waiting list: Apply early! There is always a long waiting list.
- Next Year's Prices: Current prices will set in April for each consecutive academic year

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT RESIDENCE

Menno Simons Centre
4000 W. 11th Ave. · Vancouver, BC · V6R 2L3; (604) 224-5202; www.mennosimonscentre.com
- Accommodation: Dorm-style residence for single students
- Distance: 10-12 minute bus to Regent
Key:

🌟 Regent College
1 TRIUMF House
2 St. Andrew’s Hall
3 St. John’s College
4 VST
5 Carey Centre
6 UBC Conferences
FAQ’S AND TIPS FOR FINDING HOUSING

Make a trip to Vancouver ahead of time! Although this is not feasible for every student, it is an extremely helpful way to “beat the housing rush” and secure housing that you’ve seen in person before you move. Typically, 1 month in advance of your move is a good time to schedule a brief visit to Vancouver and is when many current rental opportunities are posted on the Database and on other public rental websites. Call or email landlords prior to your visit to arrange times to view their properties.

When I visit Vancouver, can I meet with the Housing Coordinator?  
YES! (but call ahead to make certain she will be available)

When should I start looking for housing?  
The best time to do this is during the first week of the month before you plan to move to Vancouver. For example, if you plan to move September 1, the best time to look for housing is during the first week of August, when most homeowners advertise their vacancies.

Is it difficult for couples with children to find housing?  
Generally, singles and couples are able to secure housing within a week. Students with families are advised to come alone first to find housing, and then bring their family after housing is secured.

Why can’t I secure housing without visiting Vancouver?  
You most likely can, although this is a risky approach. If you rent an apartment without first viewing it, you may have unexpected problems when you move in resulting in a second move once you get to Vancouver. Also, landlords often will not rent out their housing unless they meet a prospective tenant in person first. If you are not able to make an earlier trip to Vancouver, try to arrive at least 2-3 weeks before school starts to look for housing. Please note that it is not possible for the Regent Housing Coordinator to view or secure rentals on behalf of students.

What kinds of questions should I ask when I talk to a landlord?  
✓ Does the price of the rent include costs of utilities? If not, how much per month?  
✓ Will there be any rent increases soon?  
✓ Is a damage or security deposit required? How much?  
✓ Do I have to sign a lease? If so, how long is the lease for? What are the penalties, if any, for early termination of lease?  
✓ Is there parking available? Is there an additional charge for this?  
✓ How much notice must I give if I want to leave?  
✓ Are there any furnishings or appliances provided?  
✓ Are there any regulations about overnight guests, social gatherings, pets, etc?  
✓ If there are problems with the appliances, plumbing, electrical outlets or heating, who will be responsible for their maintenance?

What should I inspect when I view a potential rental property for me or my family?  
✓ Make sure that doors are in good condition and installed with sturdy locks.  
✓ Inspect faucets and other plumbing for water leakage. Stains on ceilings, walls, or floors may be a sign of water leakage.  
✓ Note any cracks in walls, or along windows and doors for drafts/heat loss.  
✓ Check electrical outlets and appliances for proper installation and to see that they are working properly.  
✓ Refer to CMHC’s Rental Unit Evaluation Worksheet to help evaluate whether the rental property is in good condition and will meet the needs of you and your family at www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/reho/yogureho/salewo/index.cfm.

If you have questions about your rights or responsibilities as a tenant in the province of BC, an excellent resource is the Tenant Survival Guide at www.tenants.bc.ca. If you have difficulties with a landlord and need advice, call the Tenants Rights Action Coalition’s information hotline at 604-255-0546. The government’s Residential Tenancy Branch can be reached at 604-660-3456 or www.rto.gov.bc.ca/content/publications/policy.aspx.
Finding housing can be challenging, but don’t be discouraged! Take heart in knowing that in time, you will find suitable accommodation. Listed below is a guide to the average cost of housing in Vancouver. Keep in mind that as you move closer to the Regent College/UBC campus, the rent tends to be higher.

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This time of transition can be both exciting and stressful. Be encouraged in knowing that our students have always been successful in finding suitable homes after their arrival in Vancouver. We will do all we can to assist you in your search for housing. If you have any further questions, please email the Housing Coordinator at housing@regent-college.edu or phone Regent College at 604-224-3245 (ext 355), or 1-800-663-8664 (ext 355).