Greetings from the Office of International Programs,

First of all, it is important to highlight that being so close and well connected to Manhattan makes Hoboken a quite expensive neighborhood. But with a lot of patience, it is possible to find a good place and it is a very good town to live in. However, there are other cheaper options in surrounding New Jersey towns. Secondly, renting a place here may be different from what you might be used to in your home country, at least for students or faculty/scholar. Yes, probably you will need to buy some furniture, and depending on what type of rent you are thinking about, you may need to pay additional fees and deposits.

Stevens usually offers and arranges temporary housing for student and visiting faculty/scholars, but eventually this service might not be available or you might not want to opt for this option. In this particular case, you should be aware you will need to search and arrange your own temporary housing. The information above is still valid for a temporary stay. Hoboken will have more expensive prices comparing to the other options in New Jersey.

To look for temporary housing, you have basically two options. You can use the well-known websites related to traveling, such as booking.com, trivago.com and kayak.com. They will show more traditional options (hotels, motels, hostels and some apartments). The price varies, and you will want to search in other areas beyond Hoboken.

Another popular option for temporary housing is airbnb.com which is a website for people to list, find, and rent lodging. It is possible to find a whole apartment and shared and privative rooms. The advantage is that you probably will be able to use the kitchen and living areas, and in addition it is usually cheaper.

Below we present some examples:
Booking.com. Search for 2 weeks in Hoboken:

### Dharma Home Suites Hoboken at Novia
- 2 bedrooms
- There is 1 person looking at these apartments.
- Studio (Bedrooms: 1) – 615 ft²
- We have 2 rooms left!
- Select your apartment

### Global Luxury Suites at River
- 4 bedrooms
- Excellent 8.9
- Studio (Bedrooms: 1) – 715 ft²
- We have 5 rooms left!
- Select your apartment

### Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel
- 3 bedrooms
- Very good 8.3
- Double Room
- In high demand!
Airbnb.com. Search in Hoboken and some nearby areas. Price per day.

Price Range
- $10
- $50 Average
- $100

Just 10min walk to PATH, Sunny Room
Private room - 5 reviews

Very Large & Sunny Apt. Mins to NYC
Private room - 7 reviews

Additional fees apply. Taxes may be added.
Airbnb.com. Search in Jersey City Heights and some areas. Price per day

In addition, we did find out about a hostel in Union City, NJ, where they have some private rooms. They have affordable prices. Here is the link: http://explorehotelandhostel.com/. Prices range from $30 per night in shared rooms and $149 in private rooms.
Once you have arranged your temporary housing, you need to start thinking about your longer term housing. The first thing you need to think about is: am I going to rent an apartment or a bedroom? It will depend on how long you are going to stay and if you already have someone to share an apartment or not or if you are willing to rent a studio/1 bedroom apartment by yourself.

If you decide to rent a whole apartment you need to research it in the rental/broker agencies. They will help you in looking for places, doing the contract and they will serve as intermediary for the whole agreement with the landlord. They usually charge one month’s rent as broker fee and one or one and a half month’s rent as the security deposit (that is returned by the end of the leasing, if no damage has been caused to the apartment). Also you need to provide documentation to support your lease, such as bank/income information, letters from Stevens, visa etc. They might do leasing for 6 months, normally for 10-12 months. The apartments normally come just with the kitchen furnished and equipped.

Here I listed some broker options, however you can find several others by walking around Hoboken or checking online.

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In case you do not want to go through a complicated process that is indeed quite hard, you can try to find a room in someone’s house that has already done his/her own leasing and is looking for roommates. The only way I know to do this is researching online on http://www.craigslist.org/about/sites. There you can reply to them by email or eventually it also shows phone the number to call.

Initially you may discover that potential roommates may have concerns about renting to foreigners and for a short stay, so try to be convincing in your email showing your intentions here in the US, maybe a letter from school, making them feel safe about this. Stevens is well known in Hoboken, of course and it may help. This process can take quite a bit of time and effort and may be frustrating, but be persistent and it will produce results in the end. You will not pay a broker’s fee, but you still will have to pay the security deposit. However, you might get it back when you are leaving (as long as there is no damage and your room is clean).
In this option you will probably get a place furnished in the living areas and kitchen, but not in your bedroom. But don’t worry; you can buy cheap things on the Craigslist itself, or even IKEA or Walmart. Try also Amazon (you can have six months free Amazon prime account using your student email from Stevens. It has a lot of benefits including free 2-days shipping).

Do you remember I told you can find cheaper places, but still decent? So, if your budget is not elastic, try to do the same research I just explained, but in other areas. Jersey Heights, Union City, Weehawken... But do not forget to consider the transportation expense and time. Depending on where you are in Jersey Heights you can come walking or take the Steven’s shuttle to get to campus.
Lastly, I would like to give you some range of prices that I know from Hoboken. For apartments, if you find a price per bedroom around $950-$1100 is a good price. I think people will charge about or hopefully less than this on Craigslist. In Jersey Heights you may save about $200 per month in rent. But, I would recommend visiting the apartment before you make a contract.

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Finally, on the next page I present a good option that may fit in your expectation and needs.

I am available to assist with any other clarification or help that I can provide,

Kindly,

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☆ $1050 Room for Rent in a 2BR Apt. in Hoboken available Feb. 7th (Hoboken)

A spacious room available in a 2BR apartment in Hoboken located right on Washington St starting February 7th. My roommate is moving out and I am seeking a replacement for him. The room is large enough to fit a bed, a futon and a desk (see attached pictures). The apartment has 14ft high ceilings, plenty of storage and a small balcony facing a private backyard. The apartment is conveniently located one flight up from the vibrant Washington St where you can find multiple restaurants, bars, stores (e.g. 7/11, CVS, Walgreens, and various local grocery stores) and also Stevens Institute of Technology within short walking distance. The PATH train to WTC and 33rd street is a 10 minutes walk and the 126 bus stop to Port Authority is right across the street from the place. Heat and hot water is included in the rent -- FiOS TV/Internet, electricity, and gas are paid separately by the roommates. Tenants will sign a 1-year lease directly with the condo owner.

A little bit about me - I am a 30-year old male working in Financial Services. I often travel for work during the week and I am home on the weekend. Please reply to the ad or text me with any questions.

Thanks for reading and good luck in your apartment search.

* do NOT contact me with unsolicited services or offers
$1000 HOBOKEN - One Bedroom Available April 1st in 3Bd/2Ba Duplex (Hoboken)

We have 1 room available in a 3BR-2 bath apartment in Hoboken. The apartment is a beautiful duplex located on Willow between 1st and 2nd. Roommates would be 1 female and 1 male in their late twenties. Looking to replace our third roommate who will be moving in with her boyfriend :) We have a washer and dryer in the apartment and a dishwasher. Rent is $1000/month.

Please email if interested with a little bit about yourself and hopefully we can set up some time for you to come look at the apartment! Looking forward to meeting you!

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