



Office of Residence Life



Gender Inclusive Housing

Stevens Institute of Technology prides itself on fostering and supporting a diverse community of people and perspectives. A core value of Student Affairs and the Office of Residence Life at Stevens is to have a residential community that celebrates and promotes diversity, and fosters respect for all students. The traditional system of assigning students to residential spaces based on assigned sex at birth does not allow all students to feel safe, respected, and comfortable on our campus.

At Stevens, Gender Inclusive Housing is an option for upper-class students living in Stevens Leased Housing and is available for students arriving in fall of 2018. Students applying for Stevens Leased Housing may identify roommates and apartment-mates of any sex or gender identity, as long as all residents of the apartment agree to the assignment. Students selecting a Gender Inclusive room or apartment must fill all beds in the apartment with selected roommates and apartment-mates. In rooms and apartments where the entire space is not filled through Housing Lottery, the Office of Residence Life will revert those spaces to traditional single gender spaces and assign students accordingly.

The option for students to live in Gender Inclusive Housing was developed as a result of extensive research, focus groups, and eventually a proposal in February 2017 by the Student Government Association of the Stevens Institute of Technology. Gender Inclusive Housing allows residents to create roommate groups and be assigned to rooms or apartments, regardless of assigned sex at birth.

Gender Inclusive Housing for First Year and On-Campus Residents

Room assignments for first year students and upper-class on-campus residents are made by the Office of Residence Life on the basis of the student's legal sex. However, first year students have the option of requesting a room assignment based on gender identity, which is the gender a student identifies with that may differ from the sex indicated on their legal documents. The Office of Residence Life is committed to working with any first year or on-campus residents who need support or assistance with room assignments based on gender identity; please reach out to the office directly for additional information.



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Gender Inclusive Housing Guidelines for Stevens Leased Housing

- Students desiring a Gender Inclusive Housing assignment must first be eligible for Stevens housing by completing all requirements set forth by the Office of Residence Life.
- This option is available to upper-class students; first year students may not take advantage of Gender Inclusive Housing.
- Gender Inclusive Housing is offered in Stevens Leased Housing only, and is not offered in on-campus housing (on-campus housing for upper-class students includes River Terrace apartments, Greek housing, and the Lore-El Center for Women's Leadership).
- Students selecting Gender Inclusive rooms or apartments acknowledge that the living commitment is for one full year. Students who change their mind about Gender Inclusive Housing can submit a request to change their room or apartment, with the understanding that our ability to accommodate requests for such changes are contingent upon space availability and timing of the submitted request.
- If any student leaves the Gender Inclusive room or apartment for any reason, the students remaining in the assignment will be given one full week to fill the vacant space with an upper-class student of their choosing. After one week, if the space is not filled by the students remaining in the assignment, the Office of Residence Life may revert the entire room or apartment back to a single gender space and may fill the vacancy accordingly. The process of reverting to a single gender space may involve asking students living in the unit to move to a new space, and the involved students are expected to comply with this request.
- It is the decision of the student, and not the institution, to communicate with parents, family members, and/or guardians about the decision to live in Gender Inclusive Housing.