

College Accommodation Ballot 2024-2025

What is the Ballot?

The annual Accommodation Ballot is for **current** Students and Fellows wishing to apply for accommodation for the following academic year, beginning October 2024.

If you are currently on-course and plan to commence a new course in October 2024, you should apply through the Ballot even if you don't yet have an offer of a place. If your application for further studies is subsequently unsuccessful, please let the Accommodation Office know so that you can be withdrawn from the Ballot, your accommodation will then be re-allocated.

Who is Eligible?

Current full time Graduate Students, Junior Research Fellows and Research Fellows are entitled to enter the ballot.

Priority is given to applicants who wish to be allocated accommodation for the entire academic year.

Students will not normally be offered accommodation beyond their current course end date.

The Cost of Wolfson Accommodation

Please note that the new rents for 2024/25 have not yet been agreed. The rent information for 2023/24 can be seen on the website [here](#). If you apply in the Ballot for accommodation, the new rent information, once agreed by the Governing Body, will be available on the website.

How to apply

A link to the Ballot application form will be emailed to all eligible Members on **Monday 29th January 2024**.

Please note that tenancies are usually available until 31st July in any academic year, but can now be available until 15th September as per our new 50-week licence terms; if there is suitable availability. This excludes C, CM and M Block which are only available until 30th June each year.

If you have any requests regarding your accommodation such as; ensuite room, allocated with particular friends or any preferences, please note these under specific circumstances. These requests cannot be guaranteed but will be taken into consideration.

Ballot Applications must be submitted by:

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| 12 Noon on Friday 9th February 2024 |
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What happens if you miss the Deadline?

Late applications for the ballot will only be accepted in the most exceptional circumstances, see [Allocation of College Accommodation- Order of Priority](#) and is at the Accommodation Officer's discretion.

How does the ballot process work?

Depending on your situation applicants for the ballot need to complete an application form for one of the following categories of accommodation:

- **Single**
- **Couples**

- **Family**

Please keep in mind the number of units available for your particular choice when completing your application. If there are only one or two available then your chances of being successful for that accommodation type are reduced. Within each of these sections, applicants are grouped as below based on the total amount of time they will have lived in College accommodation by 31st July 2024.

Which group are you in?

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| 0 – 2 | months inclusive- | Up to 2 months in College accommodation previously |
| 3 – 8 | months inclusive- | Between 3-8 months in College accommodation previously |
| 9 – 14 | months inclusive- | Between 9-14 months in College accommodation previously |
| 15 – 20 | months inclusive- | Between 15-20 months in College accommodation previously |
| 21 – 26 | months inclusive- | Between 21-26 months in College accommodation previously |
| 27 – 32 | months inclusive- | Between 27-32 months in College accommodation previously |
| 33+ | months- | 33+ months in College accommodation previously |

Applications within each of these groups are shuffled and randomly ordered. The order in which names are drawn out decides where you appear on the final ballot list in each category.

The ballot draw is anticipated to take place on **Friday 23rd February 2024**.

An estimate is then made of how many places can be offered immediately. This is done on the basis of recent years' trends and on the expected number of new admissions for the current year. We are cautious at this stage, as it is not yet known how many new students there are likely to be, nor how many will be single, couples or have families.

In order to preserve confidentiality, all those entering the ballot will be allocated a number with this number being emailed to you. Once the final list of applicants has been compiled this will be uploaded to the website, a red line is then drawn on the final list to identify successful and unsuccessful applicants. To allow you to see your position, your number will be emailed to you individually after the draw.

When will you know if you have been successful?

If you have been successful and therefore above the red line you will be offered accommodation by **Friday 8th March 2024**. **If you wish to accept your accommodation offer you must confirm your acceptance by Monday 1st April 2024**.

Those below the red line will remain on the waiting list and if their position is reached will be sent an offer. Later in the summer when the situation becomes clearer, we are usually able to move down the list and make further offers of accommodation.

If you accept your offer and then withdraw with less than one month's notice you will be charged two weeks rent unless we are able to reallocate the accommodation.

The ballot process is ongoing until the beginning of the academic year.

What if you have an exceptional case?

The College allows members with exceptional circumstances a higher priority in the ballot system. For further information about Order of Priority please see [Allocation of College Accommodation- Order of Priority](#).

What if you are hoping to complete by late September 2024?

If you are due to complete your course by end of September but you think there is any possibility that you might need accommodation for the minimum of one further term, then you should put your name in

the ballot. It is easier to withdraw than to be added later. However, there is no guarantee of accommodation.

Summer Extension Process for current residents

Do not apply for the ballot but rather a Summer Extension, as you require a **room over the summer between academic years**.

The link for the Summer Extension form is on the ballot application and can also be found at:

[Summer Extension Application Form | Wolfson College, Oxford*](#)

The Summer Extension Waiting List Webform can be found here:

[Summer Extension Application Form Waiting List | Wolfson College, Oxford*](#)

***Please note that Summer Extension Requests are accepted during February each year.**