



Off-Campus
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Off-Campus Search for Incoming Grad Students

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What OCSS Does

-  Educate and support students to thrive in off campus living experiences
-  Help students make informed choices about housing and roommates
-  Encourage students to become knowledgeable and responsible tenants
-  Assist students in gaining the proficiency to solve problems when landlord and roommate difficulties arise
-  Motivate students to be “Good Neighbors” and be active in the community
Developing student awareness of community values and responsibilities

Our services are available to all Pitt students, including graduate and professional!



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Off-Campus Housing Marketplace

Listings Roommates Subleases Guide Resources Renter Education Submit Landlord Issue

University of Pittsburgh Apartments & Houses

Beds Baths Price Per Unit Per Person More Filters

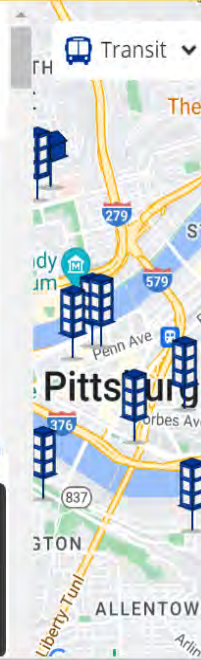


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Where To Search

Rent College Pads

The University of Pittsburgh partnered with Rent College Pads for a secure listing service for students and offer the following services:

- Apartment Listings
- Sublease or Re-letting Posting
- Roommates Postings
- Furniture Board Listing Service
- Landlord Issue Section

*Pitt Email and Log In credentials needed for Roommate, Sublease, Furniture Board and Landlord Issue Section.

Other Sources

Online sources	Local sources
Zillow	"For Rent" signs
Apartments.com	University Leased Apartments (Panther Central)
Housing Authority—City of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Facebook Groups	Word of mouth

Double check your sources!



Price Index Tool

PRICE INDEX TOOL			
BED	APARTMENT AVERAGE	HOUSE AVERAGE	CAMPUS AVERAGE
Studio	\$1,275	\$1,039	\$1,274
1 Bedroom	\$1,518	\$1,334	\$1,515
2 Bedroom	\$1,022	\$771	\$1,008
3 Bedroom	\$818	\$658	\$789



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Transportation

Free for all Pitt students, staff and faculty!

- [Pittsburgh Regional Transit \(PRT\)](#)
- [Pitt Shuttle Service](#)
- [CMU Shuttles](#)
- [Bike Racks](#) - More than 450 across campus
- [Bike Lockers](#)

Additional costs

- Pittsburgh Parking Authority - [Residential Parking Permits](#)
- [Campus Parking Permit](#)
- [POGOH](#) (free for 30 minute intervals)

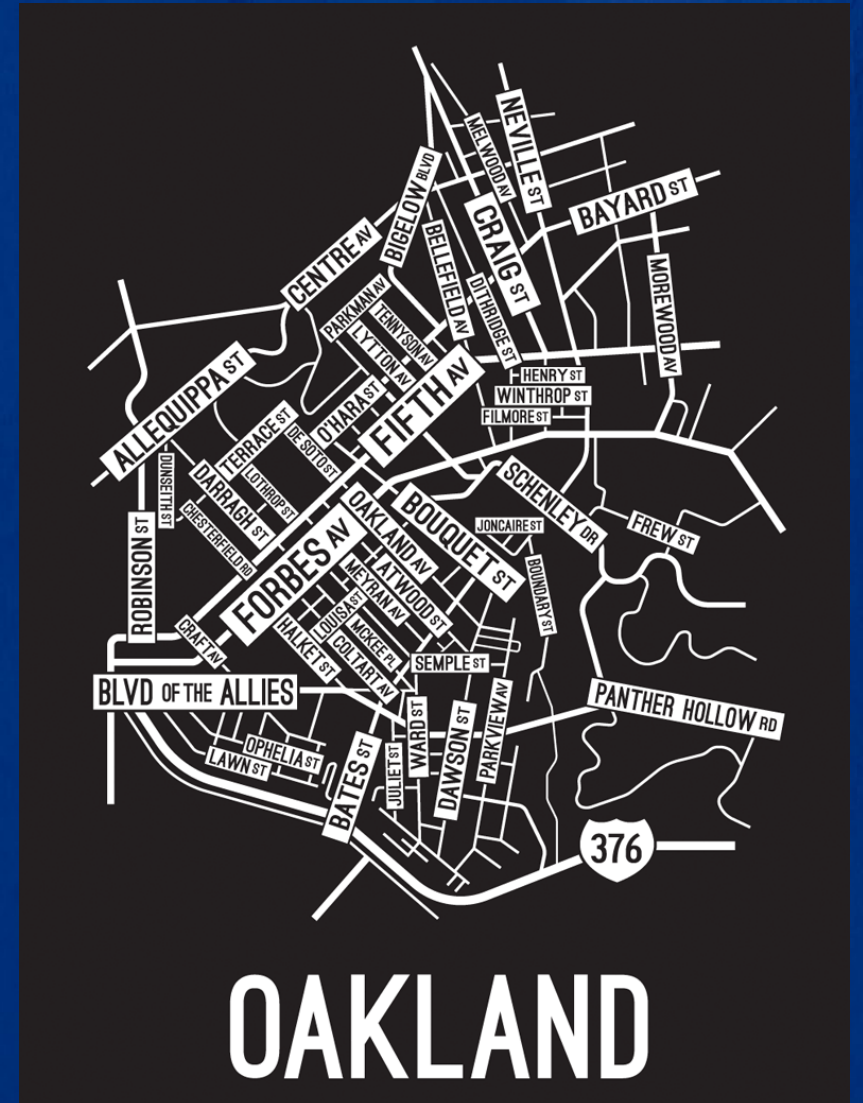


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Oakland

Considerations:

- Closest to campus
- Lots of bus routes, including both city and campus routes
- Tons of small, local businesses
- Variety of places to live, including apartment buildings and duplexes
- Walkable distance to everything
- Lots of undergraduate students live here
- Limited on-street parking
- Limited grocery options



Shadyside

Considerations:

- Primarily residential
- Both local and “big box” businesses
- Historic sites and museums
- Lots of grad students live here
- Limited on-street parking
- Rental rates can be high
- Can be longer commute, but several city bus routes through the neighborhood



Squirrel Hill

Considerations:

- North area is primarily residential
 - Lots of grad students live here
 - Lots of young families live here
- South area is primarily businesses and schools
 - Lots of small businesses
 - Several walkable grocery options
- Limited on-street parking
- Rental rates can be high
- Longer commute to campus, but several city bus routes through the neighborhood



Neighbourhoods near PITT

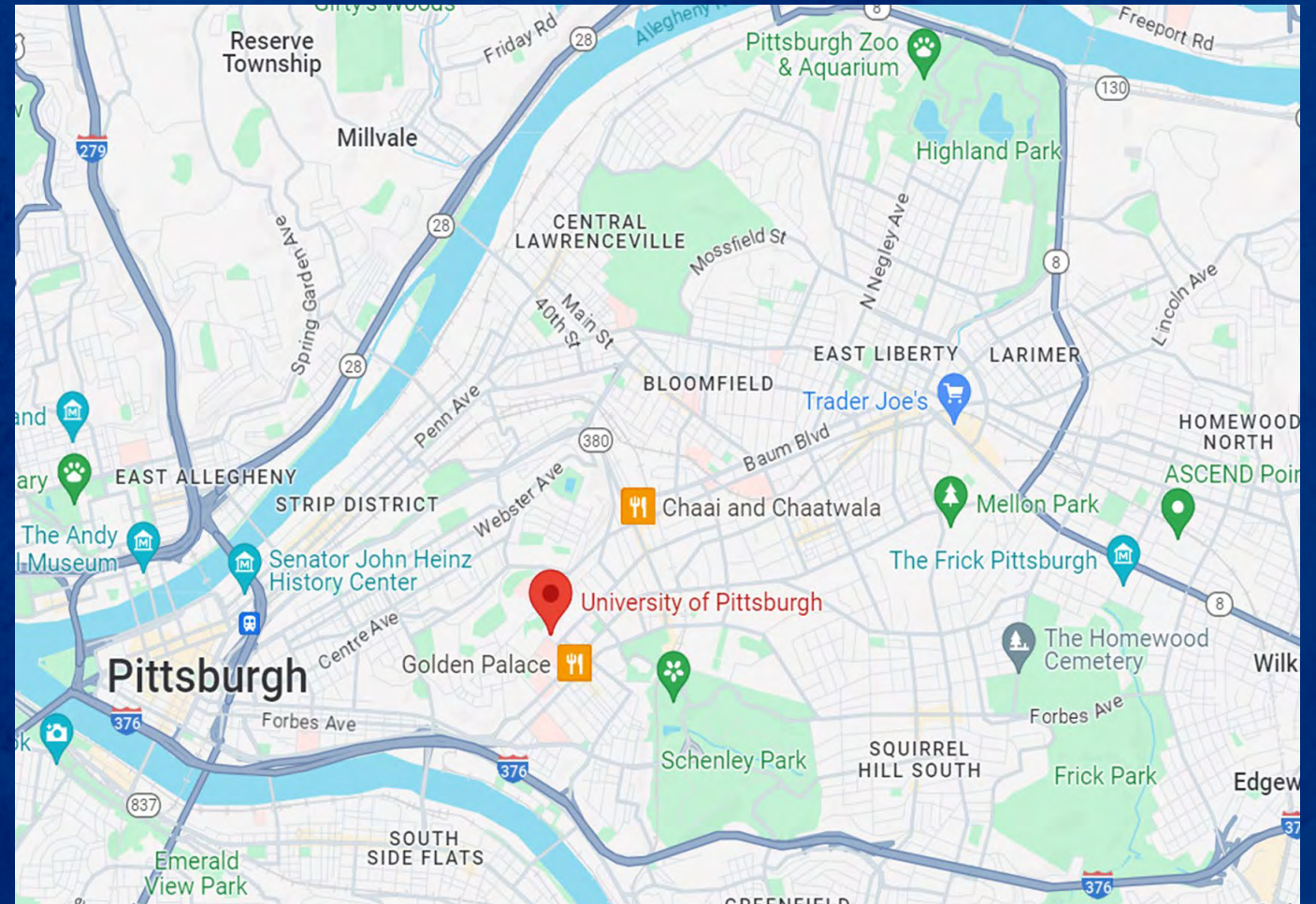
Great websites to check out for detailed descriptions of neighborhoods

Websites

[Cool Pittsburgh](#)

[Visit Pittsburgh](#)

[NEXT Pittsburgh](#)



Rental Process

Rental applications & fees



Rental property tour



Reviewing a lease



Signing a lease



Security deposits & first rental payment



Move-in and move-out tips



Problems? We can guide you to resources to resolve them.

Green v. Red Flags

- Offered a tour or to see pictures of property
- Shown exact unit offered
- Property manager/owner is easy to contact
- You have time to assess the apartment and the lease
- Property Manager takes time to answer questions
- The building does look well-kept inside and outside
- Reasonable rent and amenities offered
- Property manager/owners are patient
- Overall transparent process

- No offer for tour or pictures of the apartment
- Not shown exact unit you would rent
- Property manager/owner is difficult to contact
- You're rushed during the tour or signing the lease
- Questions not answered with certainty
- The building looks unsafe to live in
- The price or amenities offered seem too good to be true
- Overly eager or aggressive property manager/owners
- More questions than answers



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QUESTIONS?



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