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# Apply for your RIT housing NOW!

## Applications open Jan. 2, 2024

Choose your space and make your first connection. Apply for your RIT housing today.



## The next step starts with you!

Your community
of learning,
living, and laughter
is waiting.

## **January** 01/02/24

RIT housing contracts open. Incoming first-years can complete a contract then search and select a roommate.

## May 05/15/24

Deadline to apply for Special Interest Housing.

## May 05/26/24

Deadline to complete an RIT housing contract and link with a roommate in order to self-select your own room.

## May 05/28/24

Room selection appointments are emailed.

#### June 06/10/24

Deadline for approved DSO accommodations to participate in room selection.

## **June** 06/11/24 - 06/26/24

Students with appointments will self-select rooms in the myLife portal.

# **Important Dates**





Scan QR code to register for our live or virtual tour.

## **Experience Campus Living** by Taking a Tour

Learn about RIT Housing and experience campus living in our residence halls through a student led in-person or interactive virtual tour.





## We're here for you.

Congratulations on your decision to become an RIT Tiger! The staff at RIT Housing is excited to welcome you and take you through the RIT living experience.

RIT housing is the home of Thinkers, Makers, and Doers and we provide a place to live embedded in a community of learning and collaboration that is lifechanging. Moving to a new place takes courage, but you will find that living in RIT housing gives you opportunities to develop friendships, become inspired to work on creative projects, and engage in new experiences in a safe and residential atmosphere.

RIT housing is an inclusive environment for living and connection. Our residence halls and the RIT Inn are full of diverse students with great capabilities. You will find many similarities among your fellow peers: you'll also find differences. You will learn from each other and explore life together.

Explore all of our first-year freshman housing options and find the best community for you.

Your RIT living experience is within these pages, as well as campus resources and dining. We look forward to welcoming you.

RIT Housing

# First Year Options

By supporting student success, campus connections with the advancement of technology, and flexibility, RIT Housing provides the best living solutions for students who are in pursuit of a successful college experience.

Explore campus living within our first-year freshmen communities of diverse interests, which are designed with an emphasis on comfort, safety, and easy access to technology. Both RIT housing options have Resident Advisors who facilitate social gatherings and offer personal and developmental support to students. The RIT Shuttle provides free transportation to and from campus, both living locations, and local shopping.

You may choose either the Residence Halls or the RIT Inn during the selection process. Both of our residences are embedded in a learning community of diverse interests and lifestyles. RIT living is exciting and life changing no matter which option you choose!

We recommend Personal Property Insurance (PPI) to cover your personal belongings. RIT assumes no responsibility. RIT offers PPI through Gallagher Student Insurance, collegestudentinsurance.com.



## Residence Hall Refresh

Halls continue to be updated to provide a housing experience that is modern, comfortable, and convenient - which includes air conditioning, and upgraded quality finishes. Additional upgrades include landscaping, residence hall quads, Grace Watson Lobby, and the first floor of the Residence Hall towers. Renovations include:

#### **Bathroom**

- Flooring
- Ceilings
- Shower stall partitions
- Vanity refresh
- Lighting
- Painting

#### **Hallway**

- Carpet
- Wood ceilings
- New room doors
- New door hardware
- Decorative side panels

#### **Sleep rooms**

- Air conditioning
- Additional lighting

#### Lounges

- Paint
- Flooring
- Lighting

## Things to know about your RIT Housing application

#### All Incoming First-Year Freshmen

#### **Residency Requirement:**

All incoming first-year students entering directly from high school who do not live with their parent(s) within a 30-mile commuting distance are required to live in residence halls or the RIT Inn for a full academic year. This is a university requirement that takes effect as soon as you accept our offer of admission to RIT.

Entering first years whose credit hours rise above first year status due to AP credit or college courses taken in high school continue to be bound by this residency requirement. Your housing contract is binding for the full school year. The Terms and Conditions of Housing and Meals Plans must be read and agreed upon prior to access to a housing contract, which includes the policies and procedures for RIT Housing and Dining. Please read the Terms and Conditions. Your electronic signature on your housing contract indicates that you have read the Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them.

To register as a commuter or request a release from the residency requirement, students must contact RIT Housing by submitting a 'Report a Problem/Ask a Question' form at help.rit.edu.

#### **Meal Plan Requirements**

Students who live in the residence halls and the RIT Inn are required to be on a meal plan. You will select your meal plan on your Housing and Dining contract.

Know what you are agreeing to read the Terms and Conditions on the portal before you complete and submit your housing contract.



### Find your squad

#### Lifestyle Floors

If you want the variety of people and experiences of living in a residence hall, but like the idea of floors designed for a particular lifestyle, consider a Lifestyle Floor.

#### **Honors**

The incoming Honors Program cohort finds homage in living together as they navigate through the program. This housing is only for students accepted into the RIT Honors Program.

#### **Gender-Inclusive**

Gender-inclusive housing provides students the opportunity to room with student(s) regardless of sex, gender, gender identity/expression, or sexual orientation.

Some gender-inclusive rooms are clustered together to create a community on a gender-inclusive floor; while others are individual rooms spread throughout the residence halls.

#### Co-ed

Same gender in room but floor overall is co-ed.

#### **All Male or All Female**

Residents are all male or all female.

#### **Mainstream**

Learn with intention as you interact with hearing, deaf, and hard-of-hearing students.

Scan QR code to try the RIT Housing comparison tool.



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<sup>\*\*</sup> Gender-inclusive spaces are individual rooms spread throughout the residence halls



#### **Residence Halls**

Explore campus living within our 13 residence halls enriched with diverse interests and designed with an emphasis on comfort, safety, and easy access to technology.

Here engineering students live side by side with art students, a student from India who's experiencing his first winter lives with a skier from Maine, and a deaf student teaches her hearing floormate how to sign. Our residence halls are characterized by the diversity of students living there—many of them first-year RIT students like yourself.

#### **Residence Hall Benefits:**

- Live-in Residence Life staff foster an organized and guided social community.
- A community for students to share common and uncommon interests.
- Convenient location with access to dining, academics, and recreational facilities.
- Locked 24/7—required card access provides limited and monitored admittance.
- · Wireless access and high-speed Ethernet connections
- Underground tunnels
- · Patrolled 24/7 by RIT Public Safety.
- · On-site free laundry
- Air conditioning in 11 of the 13 residence halls
- Access to computer room, study rooms, lounges, and media rooms.
- Free shuttle service around campus and to local shopping.
- Fitness Room



#### **Room Basics**

#### **Room Size**

Room options include a double, triple, or quadruple room. The majority of our rooms are doubles. The high-rise building rooms are generally rectangular (18'x10') and low-rise building rooms are generally square (12'x14').

#### **Mattress**

All mattresses have a vinyl covering and are best fitted for Twin XL bedding.

#### **Appliances**

All residence hall rooms come equipped with a Microfridge which includes both a microwave and mini-fridge. Any additional appliances brought into the residence halls must be UL-approved and comply with fire-safety regulations. Appliances intended to cook food or with an exposed heating element are prohibited.

#### **Fire Strobes**

Strobe light warning equipment is provided in each room where a deaf or hard of hearing-of-hearing student might live.

#### **Furnishings**

We make it easy. Your room is furnished with a bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet/wardrobe, trash and recycle cans, and a microfridge (an all-in-one microwave/refrigerator/freezer). Carpet\* and window shades\*\* add a comforting touch.

\*Some rooms do not have carpeting to meet ADA accommodations. Students without accommodations may be placed in these rooms.

\*\*Curtains are prohibited

#### Technology

Wireless access and, and highspeed Ethernet connections for multi-computer users is waiting for you.

\*Hard wired phone lines can be activated by contacting help.rit.edu. Phones are not provided.



#### Floor Basics

Community engagement deepens as you connect with your floormates. Each floor has a communal space for gatherings and project work. Kitchenettes are equipped with a sink, and furniture. A gender-neutral ADA compliant private full bathroom and gender specific communal bathrooms with showers are available.

#### **Resident Advisors (RAs)**

Residential Advisors are an integral part of your campus living experience. RAs maintain frequent contact with residents and serve as your first line of support. RAs develop on campus experiences and encourage participation in campus events. There is approximately one RA for every 30 students.

#### **Safety**

All residence hall buildings and elevators leading to residential rooms are locked 24/7 and require RIT approved card access. RIT Public Safety patrols the campus. Security blue light boxes, which tie directly into Public Safety, are installed throughout the residence halls quads and tunnel system.

#### **Underground Tunnels**

Our residence halls are connected by the famously known, Tunnels. These underground tunnels provide a connection to each residence hall without stepping outside—great for snowy days. Also found in the tunnels are free laundry facilities, RITCHIES (a game room), post office, access to four dining locations, and murals that tell stories connecting generations of RIT students. The tunnels have a new fitness facility that includes free weights, cardio fitness machines, weight training equipment, all gender restrooms, day use lockers and a small group fitness studio. It is located between Gracie Watson Hall and Kate Gleason Hall.

The Colby Rehearsal Studio was recently completed to further enhance students' residential experience. Located in the A-level of Eugene Colby Hall, the studio provides students rehearsal space for performing arts.

#### **Tidbits**

Free laundry facilities are available throughout the tunnels.

When a letter or package arrives an email notification will be sent notifying you to pick up mail at the Fredericka Douglass Sprague Perry Hall Post Office.

All buildings are smoke-free.

RIT's alcohol and drug policy prohibits possession, consumption, and/or evidence of alcohol and drugs in all residence halls.



### **Special Interest Houses**

Our 6 special interest houses are located in Eugene Colby and Fredericka Douglass Spague Perry Hall and offer enriched experiences through a close-knit community of students who share mutual academic passions and cultural interests.

House members are selected based on a written application process and applications are open to any major. Applications must be received by May 15, 2024. Members are expected to pay dues, participate in special projects, and attend events and meetings. Learn how each special interest house is unique and envision yourself living here.



Scan QR code to learn more about special interest houses.

## Special interest houses have existed for

over 40 years.

#### **Art House**

Art House is a community of art-loving students of all majors, and provides a studio space that lends itself to creative expression.



## Computer Science House

Computer Science House (CSH) has state-of-the-art technology and consists of students from a variety of majors who share a common interest in technology.



#### **Engineering House**

Engineering House promotes team building for all engineering trades and seeks to combine skill and ingenuity to turn possibilities into reality.



## House of General Science

Come one, come all to the House of General Science (HoGS)—a tight-knit community for anyone in the STEM fields to embrace their inner scientist/engineer and create crazy projects!

#### **Photo House**

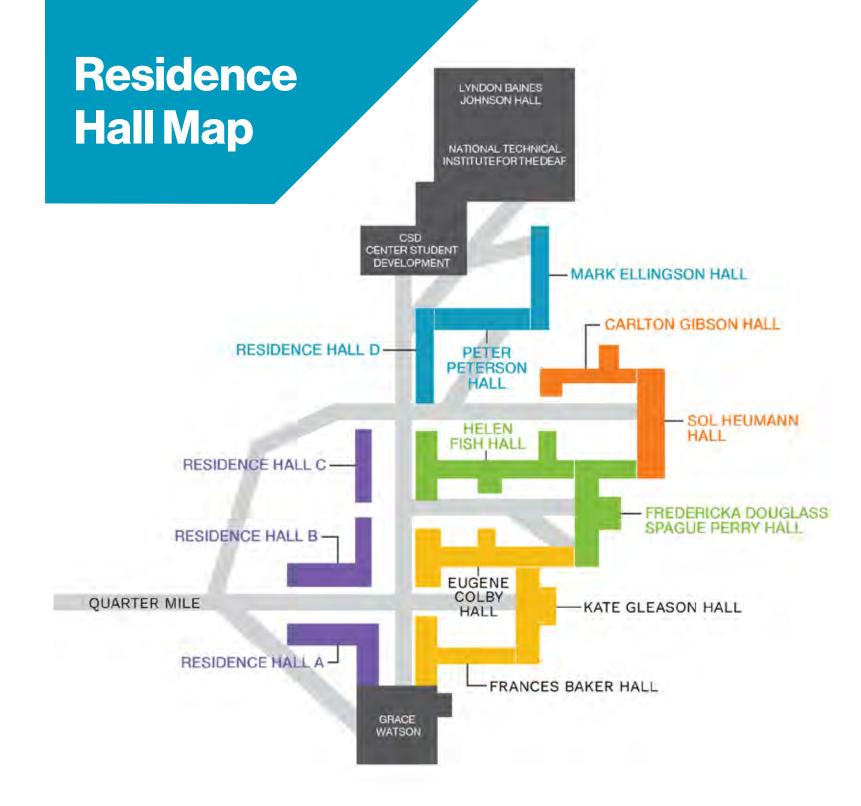
Photo House has a fully equipped studio and print finishing room intended for those with a passion for photography.



#### **Unity House**

Unity House is a supportive community driven to develop ALANA (African, Latin, Asian, Native American) student leaders.





#### The RIT Inn &

#### **Conference Center**

The RIT Inn offers students an amenity-rich living experience and is ideal for those with independent lifestyles. Premium amenities come at a great value and include air conditioning, indoor pool and sauna, on-site fitness center, bi-weekly housekeeping, and on-site dining. The RIT Inn is located 10 minutes from campus with free shuttle service that runs early morning to late night to and from campus.

#### **RIT Inn Benefits**

- · Double size bed
- · Air conditioning
- · Bi-weekly housekeeping
- On-site free laundry
- Microfridge (microwave, refrigerator, and freezer)
- · Access to the pool, sauna, and fitness center
- · Free express shuttle service to campus
- · Wireless access and high-speed Ethernet connections
- · 2 student lounges with microwaves
- · 2 on-site dining locations
- · Renewable contract
- RIT general parking pass if you decide to bring a car
- Resident Advisors who provide an engaging community and play an integral role as a support system in your RIT living experience.



#### **Room Basics**

#### **Room Size**

12'x18' Double Room

two students assigned to a room sharing a newly renovated private bathroom

#### **Mattress**

All mattresses are doubles

#### **Appliances**

All appliances must be UL-approved and comply with fire-safety regulations. Appliances intended to cook food or with an exposed heating element are prohibited.

#### **Fire Strobes**

Strobe light warning equipment is provided in each room where a deaf or hard of hearing-of-hearing student might live.

#### **Furnishings**

We make it easy. Your room is furnished with a double bed, desk, chair, dresser, closet, trash and recycle cans, a TV and standard cable, a micro-fridge (an all-in-one microwave/refrigerator/freezer), an alarm clock, iron, ironing board, and hair dryer. Carpet and window shades\* add a comforting touch.

\*Curtains are prohibited

#### **Technology**

Wireless access and high-speed Ethernet connections for multi-computer users is waiting for you.

#### Floor Basics

Community engagement deepens as you connect with your floormates. Lounges are equipped with a sink, a microwave, a TV, and furniture and offer an additional space to connect with your community.

#### **Resident Advisors (RAs)**

Residential Advisors are an integral part of your living experience. RAs maintain frequent contact with residents and serve as your first line of support. RAs develop experiences and encourage participation in university events. There is approximately one RA for every 30 students.

#### **Safety**

The RIT Inn and Conference Center is staffed with a concierge service 24/7. RIT Public Safety Department works directly with the RIT Inn and Conference Center staff to enhance the quality of life and safety on site.

#### **Additional Amenities**

- · Free laundry facilities are available.
- · Bi-weekly cleaning service.
- · An on-site pool, sauna, and fitness center.
- On-site printing and study center available to students.

RIT Housing will reimburse students who live at the RIT Inn and bring their car with them the cost of an on-campus general parking permit.

#### **Tidbits**

When a letter or package arrives an email notification will be sent notifying you to pick up mail at the front desk of the RIT Inn and Conference Center.

All buildings are smoke-free.

RIT's alcohol and drug policy prohibits possession, consumption, and/or evidence of alcohol and drugs at the RIT Inn. Storage space is not available.





Double Occupancy







# Housing beyond your first year

In the spring semester of your first year you will have the opportunity to participate in Housing Selection, the process by which you will select your housing for the 2025-2026 academic year. The process is very easy—you will complete your contract and select your own roommate(s) and room. Appointment times are based on class order with current first-year students going first, followed by second-, third-, fourth-, and fifth-year students. If you are an incoming first-year whose class standing will rise above the first-year status due to AP courses, for the purpose of housing selection you will remain in the first-year grouping. Residence Halls, Global Village, the RIT Inn, and a limited number of apartments and University Commons suites will be offered to students who participate. You may opt to place yourself on a wait list through this sign-up process and RIT Housing will attempt to assign you to one of your wait list choices prior to the start of the academic year.

#### RIT's Expectations for Community Behavior

Responsibility, support, respect, integrity, and strong moral character are valued and expected within and outside of the RIT community. As members of the RIT campus community, including students, trustees, faculty, staff, and administrators, we will:

- Demonstrate civility, respect, decency, and sensitivity towards our fellow members of the RIT community, and recognize that all individuals at this university are part of the larger RIT family, and as such are entitled to the support and mutual respect that they deserve.
- Conduct ourselves with the highest standards of moral and ethical behavior. Such behavior includes taking responsibility for our own personal choices, decisions, and academic and professional work.
- Affirm through the daily demonstration of these ideals that RIT is a university devoted to the pursuit of knowledge and a free exchange of ideas in an open and respectful climate.



## **Your Community**

RIT Housing and The Center for Residence Life support the success of 6,500 students living in RIT housing. In addition to the on-floor Resident Advisors, you have a team of full time professionals that provide leadership for all administrative and programmatic functions that enhance your living experience.

## Community Support for Your Success

We, along with a network of support services, are along for the ride to support your pursuit of a successful college experience.

#### **RIT Housing**

RIT Housing is located in Grace Watson Hall. We assist with housing assignments, lock outs, key losses, and questions regarding your housing billing.

We offer a variety of housing solutions with a wide range of rent rates. RIT Housing includes the RIT Inn and Conference Center, 13 residence halls, Global Village, University Commons, Perkins Green, Riverknoll, 175 Jefferson and Greek Circle. Laundry, utilities, and all functional amenities are included.

RIT housing contracts coincide with the academic year. Students leaving for co-op, research, or study abroad can rest assured that they can end their housing contract with no fee or subletting needed.

Selecting your housing has never been easier with myLife, our online portal that enables you to complete all of your housing business. Submit housing contracts, search and select roommates, self-select your preferred housing, and submit maintenance requests all in one spot.



#### Residence Life

A great benefit of RIT Housing is the on-site RIT Residence Life community staff. Resident Advisors (RAs) are upperclass student staff who play an important part in your campus living experience. RAs are your community leaders and your first line of support. They facilitate community activities each semester to deepen connections.

- · At least one assigned per floor.
- Provide an engaging environment and encourage participation in community events.
- · Help develop a community within their assigned area.
- Answer general questions and provide roommate conflict resolution.



#### Disability Service Office

#### rit.edu/disabilityservices

#### **Accessibility, Disability, and Accommodations**

The Disability Services Office DSO is dedicated to facilitating equitable access for the full RIT experience for students with disabilities. Students with all types of disabilities and access needs are encouraged to request accommodations with the Disability Services Office.

While there is no deadline for accommodation requests, students with housing access needs should begin working with DSO early as possible in order to align with the RIT housing selection and assignment process. Late accommodation requests may result in a "pending availability" status and may not be available before the semester begins. Any housing requests made throughout the academic year and for spring term will also stipulate that they are "pending availability".

Note: Students requesting housing accommodations with the Disability Services Office must also submit a housing contract to RIT Housing.

The accommodation process can be started as soon as a student is officially enrolled at RIT. For details visit rit.edu/disabilityservices/student-resources



#### Parking & Transportation

#### rit.edu/parking

Parking and Transportation Services administers parking and transportation services at RIT.

Having a car is not required or necessary. Alternate modes of transportation include the free on and off-campus shuttle, bicycling, ride-sharing, and walking. RIT Transportation Services offers a robust schedule of shuttles for both on and off-campus travels. Shuttle services are available for transportation between the residential areas and academic areas on campus. Students in RIT Housing are required to register their vehicle and purchase a residential permit. Please note residential permits do not allow for parking outside of assigned residential lots on weekdays between 5 a.m.-5 p.m., including parking lots near the academic side of campus.

#### **Public Safety**

#### rit.edu/publicsafety

The Public Safety Department patrols campus seven days a week, 52 weeks a year and provide services dedicated to creating a safe community for the RIT campus. All Officers are trained in emergency medical procedures, CPR, automated external defibrillators, American Sign Language, and crisis intervention.

Blue light security boxes are installed all around campus for emergencies, a car escort, lockouts, and more. Download the TigerSafe app to be a finger tap away.

#### **ResNet**

#### rit.edu/resnet

ITS Resnet provides technical support for machines personally owned by RIT students. Resnet offers a wide range of services from basic machine tune-up and virus scans to file recovery and limited hardware replacement. Friendly Residential Computing Consultants are on hand to assist our customers in troubleshooting and resolving a wide variety of computer issues.

#### **RIT Dining**

#### rit.edu/dining

RIT Dining offers diverse cuisine in vegan, allergen-friendly, international, and staple meals. Restaurants, coffee shops, and a convenience store are within the residence halls and accessible through the tunnels. Late night eats, morning coffee chats, Rochester area visiting chefs, and dining events enhance your campus living experience and provide common ground for solidifying friendships. Online ordering is available for grab and go to hang out in the floor lounge with floormates.

#### **Meal Plans**

The meal plans are convenient, easy to use, and save money. Meal plans are tied directly to your RIT ID card making purchases contactless and quick. All meal plans include Dining Dollars, which saves you NY state 8% sales tax. All students living in the residence halls and RIT Inn are required to have a meal plan. Find the right plan for you at rit.edu/dining.

#### **Dining Dollars and Tiger Bucks**

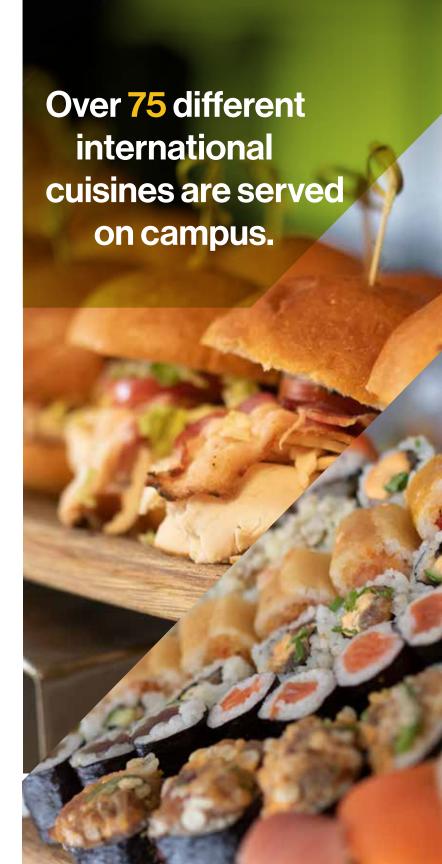
Dining Dollars is a form of payment that is embedded into a meal plan or can be added to a dining account to be used similar to a debit card. Dining Dollars are used to purchase perishable and non-perishable groceries and food items. Funds rollover each semester until graduation.

Tiger Bucks is a form of payment that also works similar to a debit card. Tiger Bucks can be used to purchase food and non-food items at various retail locations around campus, including the RIT Campus Store, hockey game tickets, and lab and printing fees. These funds can be added at any point and roll over until graduation.

Adding funds to your dining account is easy. You have access to transaction history and can request funds from family. Details can be found at tigerspend.rit.edu.

#### **Dietary and Allergy-Related Needs**

Keeping students safe is at the center of the food allergy and intolerance policy program at RIT. Students are encouraged to meet with the on-campus registered dietitian to create a plan for safe eating on campus. Additionally, NetNutrition is a tool used to easily access nutritional information on foods served at the dining locations. If students need accommodations related to allergies or other dietary needs (e.g. peanut/tree nut free classroom designation), the Disability Services Office can help. Their accommodation request process is detailed here: , https://www.rit.edu/disabilityservices/student-resources.







Major

Finance, class of 2023

"It was scary to meet people but everyone is in the same boat. You meet people and people are excited to meet others and start friendships. I had three of the coolest floormates that my roommate and I would hang out with often. We had a lot in common but were also very different. We would hang out in the room and play Super Smash Bros® and skateboard around campus. We lived in different parts of the world. It was great to learn about culture in Peru and New York. California is so different from here and it was nice to be able to room in a place where everyone is different and live with others who provide a unique perspective on the world".



# Feel the campus spirit from anywhere



# RIT AR Experience

#### Available for download

The vibrancy of the Tiger spirit comes alive with the RIT AR Experience. Step onto campus through portals and see what makes RIT an amazing place to live and learn.





### So, what's next?

#### The next step starts with you!

#### STEP1

#### **Submit your RIT housing contract**

Once your admissions deposit is paid or waived, go to myLife.rit.edu and complete your RIT housing contract. RIT housing contracts will be available January 2, 2024.

#### Visit the myLife portal

Log in with your RIT computer account username and password.

- · Click on the Housing & Dining Applications icon.
- Select the 2024 2025 academic year.
- Complete each section of the RIT housing contract application.
- Students under 18 years of age will be required to complete the Parent/Guardian Proxy information in their housing contract. This will prompt an email to the parent/ guardian with instructions on how to electronically sign the contract.

#### STEP 2

#### Find your roommate

Once your RIT housing contract is complete, start your search for a roommate. You may find a roommate by searching the profiles of other incoming students. You may revisit your housing contract as many times as you like to search for a roommate through May 26, 2024.

#### STEP3

#### **Find your room**

You will receive an appointment time to select your room. During this time, search and select from available rooms – along with your roommate or without if you have not found a roommate by this time. Appointment times are based on the receipt of admission deposits.

#### myLife.rit.edu





#### **May** | 05/28/24

Room selection appointments are emailed. Students should check their RIT email for the date and time that they will be able to select their room. Their appointment confirmation email will have details on how to select a room.

#### June | 06/10/24

RIT Housing must receive accommodation approvals by June 10, 2024 from the Disability Services Office in order for those students to be able to participate in the Room Selection process.

#### June | 06/11/24 - 06/26/24

Students with appointments can self-select their room in the myLife portal. Students will be scheduled an appointment time between June 11-26 2024, to visit the myLife portal and select their room. Students may select a room even if they do not select a roommate.

