

Student Accommodation Centre

Applications for residential colleges 2021





Important dates for residential college applications 2021

1 August	Applications open for full-year accommodation
15 September	Confidential school reference is forwarded from school to Student Accommodation Centre
30 September	Applications for accommodation must be processed by the Student Accommodation Centre for first round of offers
1-6 October	Residential colleges consider applications
7 October	Applicants will be advised if they have an offer of accommodation or are on the general waiting list
21 October	Acceptances need to have been received by the residential colleges

Applications continue to be accepted after 1 October, but will not be considered for the first round of offers.

Apply online

If you are planning to attend the University of Otago please start the process of applying for a residential college through eVision. You will need to select a qualification first and click Apply Now to register: otago.ac.nz/qualifications

After you have created your eVision account, click the link on the right to apply for a residential college. You are able to change your selected qualification easily if you are unsure what you would like to study next year.

After completing your application online you will receive email confirmation that we have received it. You can then log on at any time to check the status of your application. If you don't receive this confirmation please contact the Student Accommodation Centre to check that your application has been received: accommodation@otago.ac.nz

Residential college fees based on 2020 fee structure

	College entry fee	Residential full year fees	Payment schedules
Aquinas College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/aquinas
Arana College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/arana
Caroline Freeman College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/freeman-college
Carrington College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/carrington
Cumberland College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/cumberland
Hayward College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/hayward
Knox College*	\$950	\$15,922	Four payment options available, please refer to the college's website knoxcollege.ac.nz
St Margaret's College*	\$1,000	\$17,290	Two payment options available, please refer to the college's website stmargarets.ac.nz
Salmond College*	\$900	\$15,770	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website salmondcollege.ac.nz
Selwyn College*	\$1,800	\$17,499	Four instalments only, please refer to the college's website selwyn.ac.nz
Studholme College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/studholme
Te Rangi Hiroa College	\$760	\$17,176	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/terangihiroa
Toroa College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/toroa
University College	\$760	\$15,846	Three payment options available, please refer to the college's website otago.ac.nz/unicol

*These are affiliated residential colleges.

About residential colleges

Which colleges should I select for my three preferences?

Each college website has extensive information for prospective students and includes photos and videos with interviews. Applicants should also refer to the residential college section in the *Undergraduate Prospectus*, which provides a summary of the facilities and the number of residents for each college.

Should I apply for accommodation before I know if I have been accepted into a course of study?

Yes, make sure your application (plus confidential reference) is submitted to our office before 30 September to be considered for the following February.

What are the rooms in the residential colleges like?

The majority of rooms at Otago are single study bedrooms. Each room is equipped with a single bed with linen, desk and chair, wardrobe, and bookcase. All rooms are heated. Please look at the individual college websites to see photos of their rooms.

Is it OK for my friends or family to visit me?

Friends and family are welcome to visit. Please check with the college about their visitor and overnight guest policies. At the start of the year, while staff are getting to know the residents, guests are not encouraged.

When do the colleges open at the start of the year?

The majority of colleges open on the Saturday before the start of Orientation Week. The specific dates will be provided with your offer.

About residential college fees

What are the fees?

These vary between residential colleges. Fees are set annually and are subject to change each year. For 2020 accommodation in the majority of University-managed colleges, the fee is \$15,846 for the academic year.

When you receive an offer of accommodation in October, you will also be required to pay a confirmation of place payment within 14 days. For accommodation in 2020 the confirmation of place payment is \$760 in a University-managed college.

How do I pay my accommodation fees?

The majority of students are required to make an up-front payment due on 1 February. For accommodation in 2020 the up-front payment was \$7,566. Please note that this amount is not covered by StudyLink. The colleges will provide detailed information about payment options with your offer of accommodation.

How do I contact StudyLink to discuss student allowances and loans?

For information about entitlements and what is currently provided please visit: studylink.govt.nz or tel **0800 88 99 00**

More FAQ are available on our website:

otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation/faq