

# MTU Sustainability Demonstration House (SDH)

## Program Agreement 2022/2023

### Acceptance:

Acceptance to the House is based on review of the applicant's resume, letter of recommendation, and essays regarding his or her dedication to sustainability. In addition, each accepted applicant must agree to abide by the tenant expectations listed in this document.

### Dates of housing contract:

#### *Fall Semester*

Move In	Sunday, August 21, 2022
Move Out	Saturday December 17, 2022

#### *Spring Semester*

Move In	Saturday Jan 7, 2023
Move Out	Saturday April 29, 2022

### Furniture:

Each bedroom in the SDH will be furnished with a standard extra-long twin mattress, an extra-long twin bedframe, a dresser, desk, and desk chair, as provided by MTU Residence Housing and Education Services.

Pots, pans, utensils, dishes, and appliances will be provided in the SDH kitchen.

The house will be furnished with everything that is here now.

The entire house will be cleaned in the summer.

### Parking:

There is no parking in the SDH garage, SDH driveway, or on Woodland Road. All tenant vehicles should be parked in the adjacent lot (Lot 25).

A parking pass is required for Lot 25 and can be purchased from MTU Transportation Services.

Cost of MTU Lot 25 parking pass: \$160 per year (September 1 - August 31)

Parking is not included in rent.

### Garage:

The SDH garage is used for project storage only. No vehicle parking or personal storage is allowed in the SDH garage. Personal items may be stored in the lower portion of the garage.

### Internet/ Cable:

Wireless Internet and cable TV are installed in the SDH by MTU Housing/Facilities.

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### **Policies:**

A total of six (6) MTU student tenants will reside in the house.

The SDH is a co-ed residence.

Class standing: Junior/ senior preferred, sophomore or graduate considered for residency.

Alcohol Policy: the SDH is an alcohol-free zone. There is no alcohol allowed in the house or on the property.

### **Data Collection:**

Tenants must agree to collection of the following data while they are living in the SDH: electricity, natural gas, water consumption, waste output (garbage, compost, and recycling), temperature, humidity, and dew point data.

### **Expectations:**

Abide by University Student Code of Conduct.

Follow the University Living Guide.

Act as a sustainability role model to the MTU campus and community.

Contribute 5 hrs of work per week which may include the following:

1. Attend and participate in weekly house meetings.
2. Contribute to weekly social media posts and stories.
3. Keep SDH website up to date.
4. Host 2 public open houses per semester (or equivalent virtual events).
5. Host 1 workshop per semester (or an equivalent virtual event).
6. Manually adjust solar panel angle, as necessary.
7. Monitor indoor and outdoor composting processes.
8. Monitor aquaponics and hydroponics systems.
9. Track waste output.
10. Snow removal.
11. Clean common areas.
12. Host tour groups.
13. Gather information and data for the Alternative Energy Enterprise.
14. Participate in news interviews.
15. Participate in charity events.
16. Work on special projects.
17. Suggest improvements to house sustainability,

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### Rent Information:

There are five (5) rooms to rent in the SDH. All rooms are single occupancy. A sixth room at the house is single occupancy and is dedicated to the SDH Coordinator.

The semester rental rate for a single occupancy room in the SDH is equivalent to the rate a double occupancy room in the MTU residence halls, excluding a meal plan. These rates are shown below.

*Full Price Fall 2021 Semester \$3344/tenant for double occupancy - 16 weeks\**

*Full Price Spring 2022 Semester \$3135/tenant for double occupancy - 15 weeks\**

*\*Subject to change pending Board of Trustees decision on room and board rates in Spring of 2021*

### Scholarship Information:

Upon being selected to live in the house, each SDH tenant is automatically awarded a scholarship by the SDH Advisory Committee. This scholarship covers 50% of the room rent each semester. The scholarship is given with the expectation that the recipient will meet all of the tenant expectations described above. The SDH coordinator will ensure that all assignments and tasks described above are divided fairly among the tenants, as well as monitor each tenant's performance.

Taking the scholarship into account, the semester rates for a single occupancy room in the SDH become the following:

*Full Price Fall 2021 Semester \$1672.00/tenant (excluding meal plan) - 16 weeks\**

*Full Price Spring 2022 Semester \$1567.50/tenant (excluding meal plan) - 15 weeks\**

*\*Subject to change pending Board of Trustees decision on room and board rates in Spring of 2021*

### Failure to Meet Expectations:

Any SDH tenant who fails to meet the expectations described earlier in this document may be subject to one or more of the following:

1. A verbal warning for poor performance.
2. Loss of the 50% scholarship.
3. Loss of residency at the house.

### Questions:

Contact [sdh@mtu.edu](mailto:sdh@mtu.edu)

*Project Adviser:*

Richelle Winkler, Lead Organizer for SDH project.

*Faculty Advisers:*

Rob Handler, Sustainable Futures Institute

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David Shonnard, Chemical Engineering and Sustainable Futures Institute  
Lynn Artman, Civil Engineering  
Curtis Edson, School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science

I have read and accept the above information for residency at the MTU Sustainability Demonstration House.

Tenant Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant Signature\_\_\_\_\_