

Special Housing Information

Who is eligible for Special Needs Housing?

Full-time students who wish to live in housing, are in good academic, judicial, and financial standing with the Institute, have paid the housing deposit, and have needs that may necessitate a special housing assignment. Students currently in a Special Needs Housing MUST reapply.

If the need for Special Housing arises during a semester or after the deadlines, please fill out the appropriate documentation and return it at the time of the need. Documentation will be evaluated on an ad-hoc basis.

How do I petition request Special Needs Housing?

1. Ask your doctor or medical care provider fill out the *Medical Care Provider Form for Special Housing Needs* and return documentation to The Office of Housing and Residential Life.
2. Complete the *Student Request Form for Special Housing Needs*. Return the Student Form to The Office of Housing and Residential Life (Ground Floor, Evans Way).

All documentation must be returned to the Office of Housing and Residential Life by the deadline indicated on the OHRL website: <http://wit.edu/reslife/> (click for Parents & Families).

Petitions received after this date may not be evaluated.

What happens next?

A committee of Residence Life Staff, Dean's Office Staff, Counselors, and Medical Professionals will review your request. Based on your documentation and our available housing, a decision will be made and you will be notified in writing. If you meet the criteria for Special Housing, you will be assigned automatically and will have the opportunity to accept or decline your assignment.

1. If it is determined by the committee that your needs do not warrant special housing, we will notify you so you may make arrangements to participate in the Housing Lottery.
2. Students who accept his/her special housing assignment may not go through the Housing Lottery process and cannot choose his/her own roommates
3. Students who decline his/her housing assignment must participate in the Housing Lottery to select a room.

Who do I contact with questions?

For clarification or questions about our process, please contact The Office of Housing and Residential Life at 617-989-4160 or via email at housing@wit.edu.

Americans with disabilities information

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, individuals with disabilities are protected from discrimination, are guaranteed equal access to programs and may be entitled to reasonable accommodations. To establish that an individual is covered under the act, documentation must indicate that a specific disability exists and substantially limits one or more major life activities, as well as supports the request for accommodation.

A diagnosis of a disorder/condition/syndrome in and of itself does not automatically qualify an individual accommodation under ADA.

