

Signing Up to StudentPad

Create a **Student Account** and complete your details. If you have not yet received a student email address, please register using your personal email address.

Create your account here: [Student Account](#)

Before your account can be activated, we will need to verify your student status. You may receive an email from us requesting one of the following:

- A copy of your CAO offer
- Your student email address (if available)
- Correspondence from the University confirming that you will be attending, or are considering attending, TU Dublin

Beginning Your Search

To start searching for accommodation:

1. Use the **Campus** drop-down menu to select the campus you will be attending.
2. Choose your preferred accommodation type:
 - **Owner-Occupied (Digs)**
 - **Whole Property / RTB Registered**
3. Select the availability date, which should be **September 2026**.
4. Set your maximum weekly rent.

For digs accommodation, we recommend setting a maximum rent of **€200 per week**.

Considering Owner-Occupied (Digs) Accommodation?

If you are interested in living with a host family, you can find more information here:

[Student Services & Support | Living with a Host Family | TU Dublin](#)

Please note that digs accommodation is subject to rent caps. As a guide, the cost of **7-day accommodation** is typically between **€700 and €800 per month**.

Once properties begin to appear, you can use the **Filters** option to narrow your search results. Filters allow you to select preferences such as:

- Male or Female accommodation
- 7-day accommodation
- Additional accommodation features and requirements

Using these filters can help you find accommodation that best suits your needs.

Once you have selected your preferred filters, you can begin browsing available properties.

Contacting the Accommodation Provider

When you find a property that interests you, take some time to **read the full property description carefully**. This will help you understand what is included in the accommodation, any house rules, the location, rent details, and whether the property is suitable for your needs.

Once you are happy with the property, look for the **green contact box** on the property advert.

Clicking this box will display the accommodation provider's contact details. You can then:

- Contact the homeowner or landlord directly
- Ask questions about the accommodation
- Arrange a viewing where applicable
- Discuss availability and accommodation details

This is the point where you can begin communicating directly with the accommodation provider and take the next steps towards securing accommodation.

Tip: Before making contact, make sure you have:

- Read the full property description
- Checked the location using the **View on Map feature**
- Saved the property to your **Hotlist** if you wish to return to it later
- Considered whether the accommodation meets your requirements

Doing this will help you make informed decisions and focus on properties that are the best fit for your needs.

Additional StudentPad Features

1. Hotlist ★

The **Hotlist** feature allows you to save and favourite properties that interest you.

This makes it easier to:

- Return to properties at a later stage
- Keep track of accommodation options you are considering
- Compare different properties before making contact
- Organise your search and identify properties that may be the best fit for your needs

Using the Hotlist can save time and help you manage your accommodation search more efficiently.

2. View on Map 📍

Located beside the **Hotlist** button, the **View on Map** feature allows you to see exactly where a property is located in relation to your campus.

Using this feature, you can:

- View the property's location on a map
- Check how far the accommodation is from your chosen campus
- Better understand local transport links and commuting times

In the bottom-right corner of the map, you will find two additional drop-down menus:

Travel Method: Walking, Cycling, Public Transport, Driving.

Campus Location: Grangegorman (City Campus), Bolton Street, Aungier Street Blanchardstown Campus, Tallaght Campus.

These options allow you to view estimated travel times and distances between the property and your selected campus, helping you find accommodation that best suits your commute.

3. Message Board

The **Message Board** is a community space where students can connect with one another and share accommodation opportunities.

Students use the Message Board to:

- Find others interested in sharing private rented accommodation
- Advertise that they are looking for housemates
- Share information about available rooms and properties
- Let other students know when they are moving out and a room may be becoming available
- Recommend homeowners who have rooms available
- Exchange tips and advice about finding accommodation

The Message Board is a great way to network with other TU Dublin students and may help you discover accommodation opportunities that are not yet advertised elsewhere.

Tip: Always exercise caution when communicating online. Verify accommodation details directly with the homeowner, landlord, or letting agent before making any commitments or payments.

4. Report a Let

If you have successfully secured accommodation through StudentPad, please use the **Report a Let** feature.

This helps us keep listings up to date and lets us know which properties have been successfully matched with students. Keeping records current improves the accommodation search experience for future students.

By using features such as **Filters**, **Hotlist**, **View on Map**, **Message Board**, and **Contact Details**, you can make your accommodation search more efficient and improve your chances of finding suitable accommodation for the academic year.

