



# My First-Year

*Everything you need to know as you navigate your first-year at MIT.*

Spring 2012

*Welcome to your first-year! Over the next ten months you are going to learn more than you ever thought possible, be challenged like never before, and experience more than you can imagine. FYE is here to help.*

## **What are my options? Understanding the Housing process...**

While you're on spring break the Housing Office is getting ready for Fall 2012. As sophomores, you have a lot of choices when it comes to your housing next year. Do you want to stay on campus or move off? You are now eligible to live in your fraternity or sorority, an independent living group, or even an off-campus apartment with friends or family. Many students will choose this route, while others prefer to remain living in one of our on-campus residence halls.

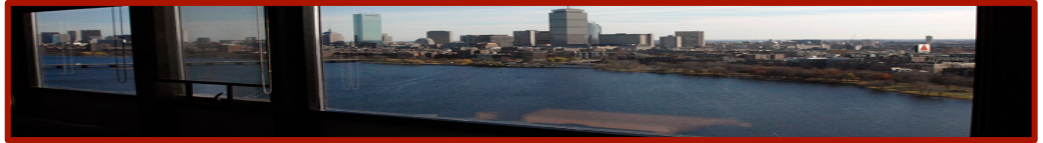
All students will need to choose one of these two options: renewal of on-campus housing or cancellation. You must pick one of these options by Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid a \$250 cancellation fee. You will need to go to this site: <https://odysseyhms-web.mit.edu/hmswebstudent/Default.asp> in order to complete the process.

For those who have cancelled, you will remain in your current assignment until the end of term. If you are not remaining on campus in summer student housing, you must vacate no later than Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at noon. Those continuing on to summer housing will remain on campus until Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Students who are renewing housing will remain in their current buildings unless they apply for, and are granted, a switch. There are two ways to obtain a switch for the fall semester: the waiting list and the April lottery.

You may have seen posters up in your residence hall about changes that have been made to both of these processes. Our aim in making these changes was to make things easier to understand, increase the efficiency of the system, and maintain fairness to all students seeking a different living situation.

## Housing continued...



### Waiting List

The Housing Office maintains a waiting list for the current school year. Any registered MIT student is eligible for the waiting list, whether a current on-campus resident or not. Students are allowed to choose up to three preferences, tying ranking if you so desire. Once the record is submitted, it will remain on our waiting list for the academic year unless you contact us to cancel it or we satisfy the request. For students remaining on the waiting list after it closes (April 1), they will be contacted in late May and asked to reconfirm their interest in remaining on the list for the next academic year. Those who do reconfirm will keep their original date of application.

Offers are made to students on the waiting list throughout the year as spaces become available. We make offers in date applied order, but the offer is not binding. You can decline with no penalty, as well as defer your offer to the next semester. You can only defer once per record, meaning that once you have opted to defer, the next time you receive an offer, you will only be able to accept or decline and be removed from the waiting list.

### Lottery

Each year, the Housing Office runs two lotteries, one in December for the upcoming spring term and one in April for the fall term. These lotteries provide an opportunity for a larger number of students to move, since it not only utilizes current vacancies, but also spaces vacated by students switching. Due to the interdependent nature of these lotteries, all moves granted are binding. Once switched, there is no opportunity to decline. Unfortunately, room type cannot

be guaranteed in the lottery, however, students who participate in the April lottery will then participate in their new building's internal room process, giving them some flexibility in choosing the room they will be living in during the upcoming school year. In order to enter the lottery, you must fill out a lottery request form ([http://housing.mit.edu/undergraduate/housing\\_switch\\_lottery\\_form](http://housing.mit.edu/undergraduate/housing_switch_lottery_form)).

Priority is given to students who were previously on the waiting list, but we aim to move as many students as possible.

If you have any questions about changes we've made, or our processes in general, please don't hesitate to contact us. We can be reached by email at [residence@mit.edu](mailto:residence@mit.edu), by phone at (617) 253-2811, and in person in W59-200.

**MIT  
HOUSING**

The MIT Undergraduate Housing Office  
announces changes to the

**WAITING LIST and APRIL LOTTERY**



*MIT can be complicated.  
We want to make sure that your housing experience isn't.*

*New forms, new information.*

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