Hello and welcome to UCR School of Medicine, Class of 2018!

The Office of Student Affairs would like to congratulate you on your acceptance to the UCR School of Medicine! Now that you have been accepted, there is much to do to prepare for your first day of orientation, including securing local housing. The UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program Class of 2016+ (the final class in our 3-decade long program) has conducted a housing survey to help provide you with housing options beyond the on-campus options offered by Student Housing Services.

The primary purpose of the survey was to gather data on the housing preferences of this class and offer you detailed information regarding off-campus housing choices they made. As they stated, choosing the optimum housing option for YOU is the first step in preparing yourself for the rigors of medical schools. Here are some questions you should be asking yourself:

- What’s the best study environment for me? (Home, school, library, coffee shop, etc.)
- Will I get lonely if I live by myself?
- Do I want to drive or bike/skate/etc. to school?
- What’s my monthly budget?
- What are some things that I look for in other roommates?

We hope this survey and the information it provides will help make your transition to the UCR School of Medicine smoother. Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Affairs with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

UCR School of Medicine
Office of Student Affairs
UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program Class of 2016+
Medical Student Housing Survey – Class of 2016+

Housing Type

- Off-Campus Apartment: 53%
- On-Campus Apartment: 1%
- House (not with your parents): 45%
- House (with your parents): 1%

Number of Roommates

- Live Alone: 30%
- One: 38%
- Two: 0%
- Three: 32%

Distance to School

- < 1 mile: 13%
- 1-3 miles: 54%
- 3-5 miles: 20%
- > 5 miles: 13%
Below are some comments from current second years regarding housing:

- Live close to campus :) It will make your life easier.
- I would live by myself for the purpose of creating an environment that is more conducive to studying.
- DO NOT COMMUTE :)
- I definitely lucked out and found a good, diligent roommate. Make sure that if you plan on staying with other people, you all get along well and set some ground rules to make managing the home a fairly divided task. Other than that, be prepared to work HARD, and have fun when appropriate.
- Find a nice quiet place where you don’t have too worry too much about apartment issues (bad landlord, noisy parties, etc...) because you won’t have time to deal with all that once school starts, and even if you do, you won’t want to. Cranford Court is good in that the landlady is really nice, she knows that we are med students who are busy, and she helps out a lot. Also, find a quiet place because loud undergrad parties blaring through your walls are the last thing you want to hear when you’ve spent hours in lab and want to have a good quiet night’s sleep. I’ve never had that problem at Cranford where it’s usually really quiet, but I’ve heard that in other places it can be quite disturbing. So beware of that. Read online reviews of apartments before you decide, because those are your best insight. If you need any help, feel free to contact me at karna.patel@email.ucr.edu
- Don’t be afraid to negotiate rent with the manager. It’s like buying a car. If you have friends who are interested in the same complex go together so you can strike a better deal.
- Space - houses provide more space than apartments Natural lighting - look for housing that have large and/or multiple windows Noise - influenced by house/apt’s proximity to neighbors, proximity to railroad tracks or freeway, in a neighborhood filled with undergrad (who are on a different schedule than medical students) and families with children
- Find clean, quiet and supportive roommates
- I have rented houses with up to 4 room mates as well as lived with my SO in an apartment. Living in a house is great...as long as you know you can get along with your roommates. It would probably be best to rent an apartment for 4-6 month lease, make friends and then move out into house during winter or so. This is great because rental prices are cheapest during winter/spring because everyone is already in school and landlords are desperate to get tenants.
- I recommend that they live close to campus
- Nothing that I would do differently. Commuting has its drawbacks, but I think it’s worth it. Living with other students can mean med school ALL the time. I really enjoy living alone to have time to myself and a quiet place to study.
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<tr>
<td>Aspens Apartments</td>
<td>7955 Magnolia Ave</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<td>$100</td>
<td>Beautiful complex, very peaceful and quiet. Close to the Riverside Plaza</td>
<td>Takes anywhere from 10-45 minutes to get to campus (avoid rush hour!)</td>
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<td>House Glenwood Neighborhood</td>
<td>Main Street &amp; Strong Street</td>
<td>$480</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Included</td>
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<td>I currently live with undergraduate acquaintances, which I would not recommend due to the differences in schedule and priorities.</td>
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<td>Avana Apartments</td>
<td>5880 Lochmoor Dr</td>
<td>$1000</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$20</td>
<td>I LOVE the management!! They are suuuuper nice! The apartment is BEAUTIFUL and the complex is very quiet (for studying :)!</td>
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<td>House</td>
<td>On Palermo Drive; Off of Chicago/Malborough</td>
<td>$400</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>- Large house with spacious kitchen and living space - Quiet neighborhood (for the most part, especially at night) - Laundry &amp; dryer - Hunter's Park is walking distance (10 min) from house &amp; &lt; 5 min by car</td>
<td>-Parking: the house provides parking for 3 cars but additional cars have to battle it out at the first-come, first-serve parking spaces near the house</td>
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<td>House</td>
<td>Valencia Hill &amp; 3rd Street</td>
<td>$550</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>1.4 miles from campus Pool!!! Very safe area</td>
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<tr>
<td>House</td>
<td>Market St &amp; 1st St</td>
<td>$550</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>$50</td>
<td>I like this house. It’s clean, comfortable, and located close enough to campus where the drive isn’t far, but far enough to be away from noisy undergrads. Gated community</td>
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<td>Cranford</td>
<td>University Ave and</td>
<td>$517</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Falcon Pointe</td>
<td>Cranford St &amp; Canyon Crest &amp; Blaine St</td>
<td>$850</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$90</td>
<td>Close to campus (5 min) The best apartments I found for a reasonable price.</td>
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<td>Windwood Apartments</td>
<td>Linden Ave &amp; Rustin Ave</td>
<td>$550</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>$80</td>
<td>Close to campus, water/trash covered, gated apartment, plenty of parking, clean Linden St is dark and susceptible to crime, random water shut-offs, loud neighbors who party often can be heard upstairs</td>
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<td>Colonnade Apartments</td>
<td>5880 Fair Isle Dr</td>
<td>$610</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>$80 (w/ TV and internet)</td>
<td>Easy to clean and maintain (no lawn, easy to get repairs done.) Apartments are rarely broken into because of close proximity to other people. When I lived in a house, my garage was broken into. (Cars still may get broken into). More expensive then splitting a house with 3-4 people. More freedom and space with a house.</td>
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<td>House</td>
<td>San Bernardino</td>
<td>$350</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Included</td>
<td>Inexpensive, roomy, get to live alone, backyard, get to BBQ Commuting from San Bernardino only takes 20 minutes at best but can take up to an hour on bad days.</td>
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<td>House</td>
<td>Across the street from the Canyon Crest Towne Center</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>Close to campus, spacious house, nearby Starbucks, Ralph's and all the restaurants in the Towne Center --</td>
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Local Area Map

**Note that the map is limited to about a 5 mile radius – housing options located further away are not listed.**