Hello and welcome to UCR School of Medicine, Class of 2017!

Once again, the Class of 2016+ would like to congratulate you all on your acceptance into UCR’s Inaugural Class! Having been where you are one year ago, we understand all of the different things running through your mind at this time. For example, should I start studying during the summer? What textbooks should I buy? When is the White Coat Ceremony? What kind of doctor do I want to be? Is this REALLY happening? Where am I going to live? Who am I going to live with? Will I really have that much debt?

Luckily, you have a wonderful set of upperclassmen (that’s us!) to help guide you and get you started on the right foot. The first of our attempts is this housing survey that several of our classmates took. Included are the results of some basic questions regarding housing for medical school that you may find useful. Although the sample size is small for this survey (~15 student respondents), we believe the data to be a good representation of what we have seen to be consistent within the rest of our class and the classes before us. 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?

These are some questions to start thinking about, but definitely put some time into determining what the best living situation is best for you. As always, take any survey results with a grain of salt. But if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Class of 2016+ representatives Natalie Stephan (nstep002@ucr.edu) and Jason Pia (jpia001@ucr.edu). Also feel free to contact Lutfi Al-Khouja (lalkh001@ucr.edu) who helped put together this “brochure.”

Sincerely,

The Class of 2016+

(For those of you who are wondering why I keep adding “+” sign, it is because we have four PRIME students (dual degree students) who will graduate in 2017, but started in 2012 with the rest of our class. The + allows us to be more inclusive)
### Housing Type

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

### 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 first 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 to 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 roommates 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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<th>Complex</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Rent per person</th>
<th># of Bedrooms</th>
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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>
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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>
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<td>$20</td>
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<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>
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<td>$100</td>
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<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>
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<td>1.4 miles from campus Pool!! Very safe area</td>
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<td>House</td>
<td>Market St &amp; 1st St</td>
<td>$550</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>$50</td>
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<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 Apartments</td>
<td>University Ave and Cranford St</td>
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<td>Falcon Pointe</td>
<td>Canyon Crest &amp; Blaine St</td>
<td>$850</td>
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<td>$90</td>
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<td>Close to campus (5 min) The best apartments I found for a</td>
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<td><strong>Windwood Apartments</strong></td>
<td>Linden Ave &amp; Rustin Ave</td>
<td>$550</td>
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<td>$80</td>
<td>Close to campus, water/trash covered, gated apartment, plenty of parking, clean</td>
<td>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><strong>Colonnade Apartments</strong></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).</td>
<td>More expensive than splitting a house with 3-4 people. More freedom and space with a house.</td>
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<td><strong>House</strong></td>
<td>San Bernardino</td>
<td>$350</td>
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<td>Inexpensive, roomy, get to live alone, backyard, get to BBQ</td>
<td>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><strong>House</strong></td>
<td>Across the street from the Canyon Crest Towne Center</td>
<td>$500</td>
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<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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**Note that the map is limited to about a 5 mile radius – if one of the housing options listed above is not one here and you’re interested in knowing where it is, just let us know!**