

Housing Information

We are providing this list to help you find an apartment in the area near Georgia Tech. If you are planning to live in campus housing, then your arrangements are set, and you should contact the housing office if you need information.

If you plan to live in some place other than campus housing, the attached lists may be helpful to you. The information has been collected from students and scholars who are currently living off campus, and from informal surveys of the area.

We suggest you visit websites and contact people before you arrive in Atlanta so that you can make arrangements quickly after you arrive.

We want you to know that we don't have experience with these rentals and we are not recommending a particular person or place. We are giving you information to help you search for the type of apartment that suits you best.

Renting an Apartment Near the Campus

Renting an apartment in America may be different from your experience renting an apartment in China.

- 1. Usually, apartment **owners do not negotiate the price**. They decide the price, and you decide if you want to pay the price or look elsewhere.*
- 2. Many apartments require that you pay an **additional fee for electricity, heating, and internet service**. This is called a "utility supplement". Be sure to ask, and ask about the estimated cost.*
- 3. You will be required to give the owner a "**security deposit**". It is often one month's rent. If you return the apartment and the keys in good condition, on time, the landlord will refund your rent deposit. If you do not, he keeps the deposit money and you cannot get it back.*
- 4. **If the apartments are similar (size, condition, location) the price will be similar**. There are no "bargains" available. In our experience most people pay \$ 400 - \$ 600 per month for housing. The lower cost is for an older building and a single room. You will be sharing the bath and kitchen with others. You should expect to pay at least this much for your housing each month.*
- 5. Most apartment owners require that you **sign a lease**. This means that you make a legal commitment to pay the rent for 6 months or one year. Even if you move, or leave Tech early, you are still legally required to pay the rent until the lease ends. Be sure that you understand before you sign any agreements.*

One good source of leads is the GTCFA Email Group:

[grouphhttp://groups.yahoo.com/group/gtcfa/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gtcfa/).

This site has individual advertisements from Chinese students and scholars. Some listings are for apartments and rooms which Chinese students are offering. Get on the distribution and you will receive an email each day.

There are five primary areas where students and scholars live while they are at Georgia Tech:

1. Campus Housing – (contact the housing office). Campus housing is most convenient and provides good service. Most students and scholars live in the Graduate Living Center (GLC) or the Tenth-Home Apartments. GLC is for single individuals; Tenth-home rents apartments which people can share. You can walk or ride shuttle buses to all locations on campus.

2. The Home Park Area. Home Park is on the northern edge of the campus, and there are many different types of apartments. Each is rented by a private owner and you must contact that person individually. The pictures below gives contact information which you may call to talk with rental agents. Different people own different houses.

You should ask the apartment owner about location, costs, and lease terms. You can walk or ride shuttle buses to all locations on campus.

One company has a website: www.homeparkrentals.com. This site will give you some pictures of the types of houses that are available and the prices. It appears that these prices are for the whole house. Several people may be able to share the cost.

There are a number of signs that say “rental available” in the area. You should be able to select from several different types of situations. Some of these rentals are for individual rooms and others rent the entire house. You should call and ask what they have available, the price, and if utilities are separate or included in the price. There are many houses and apartments available. All of these locations are in Home Park, and are within walking distance of the campus.

Here are some rentals that are currently advertised. Each rental includes a picture of the property and the contact information on the sign outside.



10th Street At State Street (Near GLC)
404-892-7090

1087 Westshire Place (Near GLC)
Renter Contact
Marc Oppenheimer 678-296-6550
email: oppy@mindspring.com



1004 & 1006 Curran St. (Near IPST)
(404) 349-9068



579 Curran St (Near IPST)
(703) 973 4331



504 Calhoun St (Near IPST)
(404) 733 0584



464 Calhoun Street (Near IPST)
(404) 325 3422



330 Home Park Drive (near GLC)
(404) 806 1863

3. The Centennial Olympic Park Area: Centennial Olympic Park is on the southern edge of the campus and rents apartments which can be shared by individuals. You can walk or ride shuttle buses to all locations on campus. The contact for Centennial Olympic Park is: Shelby Powell (404) 982 0772, Extension 31 shelby.powell@mccormackbaron.com Their website is www.centennialplaceapartments.com

4. Off-Campus apartments. There are several off-campus apartments which lease to Tech students and scholars. One of the most popular is the Hartford Place apartments: www.hartfordplace.com. Hartford rents apartments which people can share. The apartments are roughly 3 KM from the Tech campus. There is some bus service, and it is possible to walk, but we recommend that you have a car and drivers' license before renting an apartment at Hartford. *Most of the affordable apartments near Tech are too far for walking every day, and public transportation is limited. .*

5. 710 Peachtree Street: 710 Peachtree Street is east of the campus but within walking distance. The website is www.710peachtree.com . The website gives complete information on the location, cost, etc.