

FAQs regarding University-owned Rental Units

1. Are the University-owned rental properties related to the housing assistance program?

The University-owned rental properties are not part of the housing assistance program. The University rents units, near campus, to faculty members who are moving into the Bay Area to help ease their transition. These units are intended to be rented for a temporary period of time and not as long term housing.

2. How many units does the University rent to faculty members?

There are currently 48 apartment units and 41 single-family houses.

3. Who has access to University-owned rental properties and for what time period?

The Provost's Office has developed the following priority system for deciding who will have first option to rent an available unit and for what time period:

First Priority

- Tenure-track faculty who are newly hired from outside the area: for their first three years of appointment
- Tenured faculty who are newly hired from outside the area: for their first year of appointment

Second Priority

- Tenure-track faculty who have just completed their third year of appointment and who already live in an SCU rental unit: for their fourth through sixth years of appointment

Third Priority

- Lecturers who are newly hired from outside the area: for their first through third year of appointment
- Faculty or staff members who are members of a Catholic Women's religious community: for their first year of appointment

Fourth Priority

- Adjunct faculty who are newly hired from outside the area: for their first year of appointment
- Postdocs: for their first year of appointment

Fifth Priority

- Staff: for their first year of appointment

Exceptions as approved by the President or Provost.

Tenure-track faculty will ordinarily have access to a unit for up to six years, provided that all incoming, tenure-track faculty can be housed.

5. How long do renters have access to University-owned housing units?

All leases are for one year. There are many reasons why a lease may not be renewed per the leasing agreement.

Ordinarily, tenure-track faculty will have access to a unit for up to six years, provided that all incoming, tenure-track faculty can be housed.

Ordinarily, a lecturer moving from outside the area will have access for the first three-year term, provided that all incoming, tenure-track faculty can be housed.

All others will have access on a year-by-year basis, subject to availability.

6. How are the rents determined for the University properties?

The Property Management Office sets the University's rental rates to be 5% below the median of rental rates for comparable units within a five-mile radius of the University. Comparisons are made between units that share common property characteristics (e.g., number of bedrooms and baths, garage, lot size, etc.) which contribute to rental amount variations among similar units.

The University properties near campus are intended to serve as transitional properties while faculty search for longer-term housing options in the area. In contrast to the Faculty Housing Assistance Programs described above, the University-owned rental units are not intended to serve as a form of financial assistance.

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