

# SEARCHING FOR HOUSING ON YOUR OWN\*

*Finding housing on your own in Paris, while difficult, is not impossible.*

*Students who wish to find their housing outside of the University should be aware of the following:*

Most **LEASE AGREEMENTS** (*bail*) are made for intervals of three years, however, the contract may be broken with three month's advanced move-out notice (one month for furnished apartments), given in writing and sent by registered mail. The standard **SECURITY DEPOSIT** (*caution*) consists of two months of rent (a recent law changed this to one month, but it is not always observed) which, by law, may be returned up to two months after the student's departure. You will need a letter from the financially responsible person's (*garant*) bank, disclosing financial statements (i.e., copies of parent's pay slips, bank statements, references, etc.). An inventory (*état des lieux*) must be filled out and signed by both the student and landlord. This inventory is your responsibility, and will be used to determine if any damages will be deducted from your security deposit upon departure.

For more information: <http://www.understandfrance.org/Paris/Life.html>  
[http://dordogne.angloinfo.com/information/6/re\\_rental.asp](http://dordogne.angloinfo.com/information/6/re_rental.asp)

**AGENCIES:** In general, only references of parents who live and work in France are acceptable, however, the following agencies are accustomed to helping AUP students. They will charge you an agency fee equivalent to approximately one month's rent. The agency fee includes help with utility and cable hookup. Students should be prepared to show a copy of the AUP confirmation letter or valid student ID, and plan to have money available in France. International money transfers usually take more than a week. **Rentals start around 600€.**

**PARIS ATTITUDE**, 6 rue du Sentier, 75002 Paris. Métro: Sentier. Tel: 01 42 96 62 10 [www.parisattitude.com](http://www.parisattitude.com) *Be sure to mention your school!* This agency offers AUP students a **10% discount** on agency fees on all their Paris accommodations.

**NEW YORK HABITAT**, [www.nyhabitat.com/paris-apartment.html](http://www.nyhabitat.com/paris-apartment.html) Tel: 01 42 36 78 70 Ask for Lorinda ; email: [academics@nyhabitat.com](mailto:academics@nyhabitat.com) *Be sure to mention your school!* The student housing department at New York Habitat offers AUP students a **10% discount** on agency fees on all their Paris accommodations.

**PARIS HOUSING SERVICES**, 2 rue de l'Exposition, 75007 Paris. Métro: Ecole Militaire. Tel: 01 45 55 21 37 [www.paris-housing.com](http://www.paris-housing.com) *Be sure to mention your school!* This agency offers AUP students a **5% discount** on agency fees on all their Paris accommodations.

**PARIS RENTAL**, [www.parisrental.com](http://www.parisrental.com) 11 rue Royale, 75008 Paris. Métro: Concorde. Tel: 01 43 12 98 00  
Check out the website to search and view out apartment offerings, and consult our blog, [www.parisrental.com/blog](http://www.parisrental.com/blog), for answers to tenant/landlord questions and useful links for students living in Paris.

**APARTMENT FINDER:** Christine Brooks finds apartments for clients and accompanies them through all the steps to get moved in and functioning, including follow up service during tenancy and departure. The fee is equivalent to around one and a half month's rent. Tel: 06 15 41 04 25 [christibroo@yahoo.com](mailto:christibroo@yahoo.com)

**ADDITIONAL SOURCES** for finding apartments and studios to rent. Please be aware that the ads placed on bulletin boards throughout Paris or in local newspapers are not screened and that you may encounter difficulty in securing a rental for a short period of time (i.e. one semester, one academic year).

**BULLETIN BOARDS:** **The American Church**, 65 quai d'Orsay, 75007; **The Danish Church**, 17 rue Lord Byron, 75008; **The Swedish Church**, 9 rue Médéric, 75017

**PRINT:** **FUSAC** ([www.fusac.com](http://www.fusac.com)) – a free classifieds magazine in English, delivered to AUP's Bosquet building  
**De particulier à particulier** ([www.pap.fr](http://www.pap.fr)) – French classified ads sold every Thursday in all newspaper stands (most offers are taken by the end of the day), bank guarantees are usually required.

**THE INTERNET** can be a valuable resource, but keep in mind that you are dealing with, more-or-less, unscreened information. Rule of thumb: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is; never send moneys without a paper trail.  
[www.seloger.com](http://www.seloger.com), [www.parisattitude.com](http://www.parisattitude.com), [www.oeil-fr.com](http://www.oeil-fr.com) (Organisation Etudiant International Logement), [www.locaflat.com](http://www.locaflat.com), [www.fnaim.f](http://www.fnaim.f), [www.laforet.com](http://www.laforet.com), [www.123immo.com](http://www.123immo.com), [www.hestia.com](http://www.hestia.com), [www.century21.fr](http://www.century21.fr), [www.leboncoin.fr](http://www.leboncoin.fr), [www.appartager.fr](http://www.appartager.fr) (for roommate situation), [www.cnous.fr/vieetud/logement.htm](http://www.cnous.fr/vieetud/logement.htm)

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