

# All Gender Housing

The Office of Student Life strives to support the healthy and holistic development of all students and provide a safe and affirming living environment. We are also aware that the binary-gendered structure of our residence halls do not always provide an ideal living environment for members of our community who identify as LGBTQPIA+, non-binary, genderfluid, and/or genderqueer.

Alongside Global Connections and Substance-Free Housing, **All Gender Housing** is an option available to returning Loyola students seeking to create a living environment that affirms their identities and goals at Loyola.

Specifically created for LGBTQPIA+, non-binary, and genderfluid residential students and their allies along with those questioning their gender identity, All Gender Housing allows students to create a roommate group comprised of all genders and fully participate in the housing process.

In order to participate in All-Gender Housing, students must complete the All-Gender Housing Agreement located within this Housing Application.

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### **What is All-Gender Housing?**

All-Gender Housing is a voluntary housing option where students can be assigned to live in the same room with any other student regardless of sex assigned at birth, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

### **Who is eligible for All-Gender Housing?**

All Gender Housing is currently available for all returning students and transfer students who complete the All-Gender Housing application and agreement available through the RoomRez Housing Portal.

### **What does the All-Gender Housing Application consist of?**

At the bottom of this page, you will be given the option to express interest in All-Gender Housing. Along with signing the All-Gender Housing Agreement, you will be asked to provide a short answer to the following question:

- Why are you interested in living in All-Gender Housing?

Applications will be reviewed by Tim Cherney, Associate Director for Community Development & LGBTQPIA+ Initiatives.

### **I don't have a complete roommate group? How can I find roommates who are also eligible for All-Gender Housing?**

Once you apply for All-Gender Housing and complete the agreement, you will be able to access a roommate search page within the StarRez Housing Portal. Only those who have also completed the All-Gender Housing Agreement will be able to

search for you in the Portal. Similarly, you will only be able to search and select roommates who have also completed the Agreement.

**Do all members of a roommate group need to complete the All-Gender Housing application and agreement?**

Yes. In order to create a roommate group within the Housing Portal, all members must have applied for All-Gender Housing. In order to live together, all members must complete the All-Gender Housing Agreement.

**I believe that All-Gender Housing will be a good residential fit for me, but I am hesitant about applying online because it feels too public. I don't feel comfortable with other students knowing that I am seeking All-Gender Housing. What should I do?**

We are committed to helping create a safe and affirming living experience for you. If you are not comfortable applying for All-Gender Housing through the RoomRez Housing Portal, please e-mail Tim Cherney, Associate Director of Student Life for Community Development & LGBTQPIA+ Initiatives - [tdcherney@loyola.edu](mailto:tdcherney@loyola.edu). Tim will work with you individually to find a room assignment that feels right for you.

**Does everyone in All-Gender Housing live on the same floor or building?**

No. All-Gender Housing is based on individual roommate groups. Once an All-Gender Roommate Group has been formed, their leader will select any room/building available to them during their assigned lottery time. Visit Student Life's website to learn more about the room selection process.

**In which residence halls is All-Gender Housing Available?**

Since All-Gender Housing is determined by individual roommate groups, this option is available in any returning student residence hall.

**What will happen if there is a vacancy in our All-Gender room/apartment throughout the year?**

Only residents who complete the All-Gender Housing Agreement will be eligible to live in the space. Students are able to pull a student into their apartment if a vacancy as long as they do so within two weeks of the initial vacancy. After that two week window, Student Life may place a resident within an open space at any time throughout the remaining academic year. Only students who complete the All-Gender Housing Agreement would be placed in an All-Gender vacancy. If a vacancy occurs, residents are encouraged to contact Tim Cherney, Associate Director of Student Life for Community Development & LGBTQPIA+ Initiatives to discuss possible options.

**Do you have to identify as non-binary, trans, or genderfluid to apply for All-Gender Housing?**

No. The intent is to provide a safe and affirming living environment for members of Loyola's LGBTQPIA+ and TGNC communities and part of that may involve finding committed allies who will help create that positive community.

**Will you prevent people who are romantically involved from living together?**

All-Gender Housing is not intended for students in an amorous relationship.

**Will Student Life contact my parents, guardian, or other individuals about my interest or assignment in All-Gender Housing?**

Student Life values the privacy of our residents. All-Gender Housing interest or assignments are not shared with anyone other than the resident, their roommates, or others interested in All-Gender Housing (through the roommate search function.)

Student Life will only communicate information about All-Gender Housing assignments to an official Loyola University email address or through the RoomRez Housing Portal.

Information about All-Gender Housing, Chosen Name, and Pronouns are also shared with Student Life staff members.

Finally, while we will not share your interest or roommate information with parents, guardians, or other support figures, Loyola often encourages parents, guardians and other support figures to be active partners in the lives of our students. Be candid with your potential roommates about any concerns you have regarding the public or private nature of your identity as it is not uncommon for family or support figures to visit residential spaces. Additionally, in the case of an emergency, Student Life may require your emergency contact to come to campus to assist in providing you care.

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## **Still Have Questions or Concerns?**

E-mail Tim Cherney, Associate Director of Student Life for Community Development & LGBTQPIA+ Initiatives -  
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