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## All Gender Housing

Residence Life & Housing 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.

To participate in All Gender Housing, students must complete the All Gender Housing Agreement located within the Housing Application.

### All Gender Agreement

Residents agree to create an environment in which they are respectful of one another and, as a result, foster a living atmosphere that is safe, inclusive, and affirming.

By signing below, you are requesting to form a roommate group designated as All Gender Housing for the academic year and agreeing to the following:

1. I will work to create a welcoming queer-affirming living environment that seeks to eliminate, within the space, the stressors of cisgenderism and heterosexism.
2. I will be mindful of the guests that I bring into the living space ensuring that they do not perpetuate bias or harm.
3. I understand that all members of my roommate group must complete this agreement.
4. By completing this agreement, I understand that my name will be searchable within the RoomRez Housing Portal as an All Gender Housing Roommate for anyone else who has completed this agreement. As such, my name will be absent from the Roommate Search section of the Housing Portal for anyone who has NOT completed this agreement.
5. I understand that if a vacancy opens in my room throughout the semester, I will be able to pull a student into our living space as long as I do so within two weeks of the initial vacancy. I understand that after that two-week window, Residence Life may place a resident within an open space at any time throughout the remaining academic year (as long as that student has also completed the All Gender Housing Agreement.)



# Frequently Asked Question

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

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

## **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 Bernadette Smith, Associate Director of Housing Operations - [blsmith2@loyola.edu](mailto:blsmith2@loyola.edu). Bernadette 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.

## **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.

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

E-mail Bernadette Smith, Associate Director of Housing Operations - [blsmith2@loyola.edu](mailto:blsmith2@loyola.edu) or Neil Andrito, Director of Residence Life & Housing - [nfandrito@loyola.edu](mailto:nfandrito@loyola.edu)