STUDENT HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE



Off-Campus Housing: The Search

1. University of Toronto Off Campus Housing: Offcampushousing.utoronto.ca

The University of Toronto Off Campus Housing site features listings for housing surrounding all U of T campuses. Login with your UTORid to save and compare listings, search for roommates, and access helpful resources. Please note: Students and others seeking to rent a property are responsible for making appropriate inquiries before agreeing to rent. The University and Off Campus Partners do not inspect the rental sites. Ads are posted by private landlords or property managers.

2. Places4Students: <u>www.places4students.com</u>

Places4Students features listings for off-campus student rentals near schools across North America. Search for housing near "University of Toronto" and the option for Scarborough will be displayed.

3. General rental housing sites:

These sites are open to all types of potential tenants, not only students. Each site has various features and search parameters. Many of the sites service multiple cities, so be sure that you search the correct geographical area. The campus address for UTSC is 1265 Military Trail, Toronto, Ontario, M1C 1A4.

- View It: <u>http://www.viewit.ca/</u>
- Rent Seeker: <u>http://www.rentseeker.ca/</u>
- 4Rent: <u>https://4rent.ca</u>
- Toronto Rentals: <u>https://www.torontorentals.com/</u>
- Condos: <u>https://condos.ca</u>
- Walk Score: <u>https://www.walkscore.com/</u>
- Casalova: <u>https://www.casalova.com</u>
- PadMapper: <u>https://www.padmapper.com</u>
- Gotta Rent: <u>https://www.gottarent.com</u>
- Toronto HomeShare Program: <u>https://www.torontohomeshare.com</u>

4. Free Classified websites: Kijiji and Craigslist: <u>www.kijiji.ca</u>; toronto.craigslist.ca

Kijiji and Craigslist are free classifieds websites, meaning that anyone can create an account and post an ad for free. To search for housing, select your location as Greater Toronto Area/City of Toronto and select either apartment/condo, house or room rental to find housing listings in the area. Use the search bar to type in keywords such as "UTSC" or "University of Toronto Scarborough."

5. Other places to search for housing:

- "For Rent" signs on properties
- The local newspaper 'Classifieds' section
- Neighbourhood bulletins and newsletters
- Community boards and social media groups

Be alert to rental scams! Follow these tips when considering rental housing found on any site:

- Always inspect a potential place and meet the landlord in person. Bring someone with you for safety.
- Be aware of units advertised well below market value. Compare rental rates in the same area if you suspect the price is too good to be true.
- Review the lease terms before agreeing to rent or paying any money.
- Never send payment to an individual you have not met.
- Opt to pay the security deposit by a traceable method, such as cheque.
- Provide your own transportation to and from inspections.