

Housing & Accommodation – Before your arrival

Welcome to Potsdam and an especially warm welcome to the “Fachhochschule Potsdam”! Unfortunately, the housing market in Potsdam and Berlin is difficult. In the last five years, rental prices have been rising by more than 40% in both cities. To give you a rough orientation:

- furnished room in a shared apartment starting from € 450
- furnished studio starting from € 550
- furnished two room flat starting from € 800 (for max. 2 adults and one young child)
- furnished three room flat starting from € 1000 (for families of 3+)

The University of Applied Sciences Potsdam does not own any dormitories or guest houses and cannot provide you with a housing option. Thus, we strongly recommend to look for an accommodation well in advance to your stay. Please also consider accommodation in the surroundings of Potsdam.

The links below provide several options to find suitable accommodation for your stay.

1. Dormitories, guest houses, apartments

YOUNIQ

Equipped rooms just across the street from our campus. Mainly for students, but also open to non-students. Minimum duration 6 months. Rents start at 499 €/mth.

www.youniq-students.com/en/youniq-locations/student-apartments-in-potsdam/

BaseCamp Potsdam

Equipped rooms for students or researchers in the Potsdam city district of Golm. For researchers, the minimum duration of stay is 3 months. Rents start at 590 €/mth.

www.basecampstudent.com/de/standorte/deutschland/potsdam/

Gästehaus Bornim für Wissenschaftler / Guest house Bornim for scholars

Contains two spacious, furnished flats with common spaces and rooms to be rented individually. Rents are possible per day, week and month (590 €/mth.)

<http://www.gaestehaus-bornim-potsdam.de/english/>

Gasthaus Potsdam

8 Bedrooms; fully-equipped single or double apartments, rentals possible per day, week or month (900 €/mth.)

<http://www.gaestehaus-eiche-potsdam.de/index.php?lang=en>

KS Boarding house

5 furnished apartments starting at 700 €/mth, daily and weekly rentals possible.

<https://k-s-boarding.de/>

The Twenty

Furnished apartments, starting at 480 €/mth.

<https://the-twenty.de/en/>

How8

Equipped Smart-Living-Apartments in Potsdam-Babelsberg, starting at 550 €/mth.

www.how8.de

Potsdam Apartments GmbH

Apartment and room rental, SHORT TERM LETS, boarding house, starting at 490 €/mth.

www.potsdam-pension.de/en/uebersicht-english

Air B&B

Furnished apartments for short term rental
<https://www.airbnb.de/>

Wunderflats

Furnished apartments for short term rental
<https://wunderflats.com/en>

Case a berlino

Italian-speaking team members, offers furnished apartments for limited time-periods in different districts in Berlin, starting at 690 €/mth.

<https://www.caseaberlino.com/en/>

2. Private residences and shared flats

Shared flats (WG)

WG's ("Wohngemeinschaften") are a popular and usually cheaper way of housing. In most WG's, you live together with at least one or more other people. You share common rooms, such as the kitchen and bathroom, but you have your own room. There is usually no agent fee. WG rooms can be furnished or unfurnished.

www.wg-gesucht.de (website in German only, contains also flats, apartments, houses)

www.studenten-wg.de (website in German only)

www.wohnung-jetzt.de (website in German only, contains more flats than "WG's")

<https://housinganywhere.com/> (website available in different languages; contains also flats, apartments, houses)

www.airbnb.com (available in different languages; rooms and apartments let by private people; free registration required)

www.coming-home.com/en/ (temporary furnished apartments in Potsdam and Berlin)

www.nestpick.com (platform for furnished apartments)

www.monteurzimmer.de/en (accommodation of mainly shared rooms or flats for commuters, business professionals; daily, weekly or longer rentals possible)

www.uniplaces.com (website available in different languages; offers in Potsdam usually limited)

3. General portals for accommodation

www.immobilienscout24.de/ (website in German only)

4. Hotels, Hostels and more

Tourist information: www.brandenburg-tourism.com/

Youth hostel Potsdam: www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/potsdam-671/portrait/ (27 € / night);
distance to university campus: 5 km

Pension Sanssouci: <https://www.pension-sanssouci.de/> (starting at 25 €/night); distance to university campus: 3,5 km

Quartier Potsdam Hostel: <https://www.potsdam-hostel.com/> (between 17-35 €/night); distance to university campus: 2,7 km

NH hotel Potsdam: www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-potsdam (starting from 64 € /night); distance to university campus: 1,8 km

After your arrival

Resident Registration

Everyone moving to and living for a longer period in Germany is required to register their address within two weeks after moving in. You need to register at the city administration of the city that you move to. In Potsdam that is the [Bürgerservicecenter](#).

You will need:

- your passport
- the [confirmation of your landlord \(Wohnungsgeberbestätigung\)](#)

You will receive a confirmation of registration from the Citizen Service, which is needed for your residence permit or to open a German bank account.

If you move back to your home country, you have to [de-register at the Bürgerservicecenter Potsdam](#).

Public Broadcasting Fee

Every apartment and every dormitory room has to pay the public broadcasting fee of monthly 17.50 €. WG members can split up the fee. You can register your apartment or room with a form that you will get from your local residence registration office. In dormitories, the fee is already included.

Glossary

Abbreviation	German	English
2-Zi-Whg	2-Zimmer-Wohnung	2 room apartment
Blk / Balk	Balkon	balcony
DG	Dachgeschoss	attic rooms
DSL-Anschluss	Digital Subscriber Line (dt. digitaler Teilnehmeranschluss): Breitband-Internetzugang	Digital Subscriber Line: access to the Internet
DU	Dusche	shower
EBK	Einbauküche	fitted kitchen
EG	Erdgeschoss	ground floor
HK	Heizkosten	heating costs
KM	Kaltmiete	rental fee excl. extra costs
Kaution	Kaution (als Bürgschaft/Sicherheit hinterlegter Geldbetrag)	deposit
KDB	Küche, Diele, Bad	kitchen, hall, bathroom
NBK	Nebenbetriebskosten	extra costs such as heating, cable TV, rubbish removal,...
OG	Obergeschoss	top floor
Provision	Maklerprovision (zu zahlen an den Makler für das Zustandekommen des Mietvertrages)	brokerage, commission
warm / WM	Warmmiete	rental fee incl. all extra costs
Wfl.	Wohnungsfläche	living area
WG	Wohngemeinschaft	flat-sharing community
ZH	Zentralheizung	central heating