



Housing guide for interns

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This guidebook is designed to assist interns in locating accommodation or discovering appropriate channels for their housing search. Please note that this list is provided solely for informational purposes and does not obligate the Organization in any manner.

1. Apartments

- Seloger
- Jinka
- Avendre alouer
- Bien'ici
- <u>Leboncoin</u>
- Logic-Immo
- Lodgis
- Gens de Confiance A recommendation from an existing user is required.
- Paris Attitude
- PAP Individuals to individuals without agency fees.

2. Co-location (Flat Sharing)

- Appartager
- Roomlala
- Wellow
- Manda
- La Carte des Colocs
- Studapart
- Joivy
- Spotahome

3. Student Accommodation

- Adele
- <u>Location-etudient.fr</u>
- Crous Paris
- Étudiant.gouv.fr
- Twenty Campus
- Study Lease
- Les Estudines
- Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris

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4. OECD Network

- OECD Private ads Only accessible from within the OECD after starting your internship. Prior to you start you can contact your RMA to help check if any of the ads correspond to your search criteria.
- OECD Afters An informal OECD Facebook Group with information on apartments, subrentals, events and more.

5. Amenities

- Electricity supplier Electricité de France
- Electricity/Gas supplier
- Telephone/Internet access/cable TV Orange/Bouygues/Free/SFR/Sosh

6. Important Notes

CHECK YOUR OFFICE LOCATION

The OECD has two office locations, La Muette (Headquarters & Conference Centre) and Boulogne. Prior to searching for accommodation, please verify your office location with your Resource Management Advisor (RMA) or hiring manager.

AVOID HOUSING SCAMS IN PARIS

Finding a place to live in Paris can be exciting, but also daunting, especially with the prevalence of housing scams on online platforms. To safeguard yourself against these scams, here are some essential tips:

- 1. **Research Extensively:** Before committing to any listing, research the neighbourhood, average rental prices, and the reputation of the landlord or agency. Scammers often use fake listings with prices significantly lower than market rates to attract attention.
- 2. Verify the Legitimacy: Always verify the legitimacy of the landlord or agency. Request their full name, contact details, and official identification if possible. Search for reviews or testimonials online and be wary if you can't find any information about them. Scammers often use images lifted from legitimate agencies. Utilise online reverse image search tools like Google Images to verify the authenticity of the property photos.
- 3. **Avoid Upfront Payments:** Be cautious of landlords or agents who demand large upfront payments or security deposits before you've even viewed the property. Legitimate landlords typically require a deposit to secure the apartment after signing the lease agreement.
- 4. **Insist on a Physical Viewing:** Insist on viewing the property in person before making any commitments or payments. Scammers often make excuses for why they can't show the property and may provide fake photos or videos.

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- 5. **Proceed with Caution:** If something seems suspicious or sounds too good to be true, trust your instincts and proceed with caution. Scammers often use high-pressure tactics to rush you into deciding. Take your time and don't hesitate to walk away if you have any doubts.
- 6. **Use Reputable Platforms:** Stick to reputable housing platforms with verified listings and user reviews. Avoid using classified ad sites or social media platforms where scams are more prevalent.
- 7. **Secure Payment Methods:** When making payments, use secure methods such as bank transfers or reputable online payment platforms. Avoid cash transactions or wire transfers to unknown individuals or accounts.

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