

Finding accommodation could be a challenge. The housing market here is relatively expensive and at the beginning of a semester, there are a lot of students looking for a place to stay.

In any case, you should apply for student accommodation, however the system in Germany in no way guarantees you a spot and only a lucky few get one. So do not rely on this!

The first thing you must decide is if you would like an apartment or a shared flat. The second is cheaper, but often more difficult to get as your new roommates often want to meet you beforehand.

Other options are provided by the Students Union, such as: living with elderly and helping them for a lower rent, living with refugees and helping these for less rent, renting a private room in a household.

As soon as you get your acceptance letter you should look into finding accommodation. The timeline is often pretty tight and the Student's Union has strict dates by which you must apply.

If you plan to apply for a shared apartment, then often the first thing you do is send an email. Make sure this is a longer email that brings across your personality. Mention your hobbies, what you will be doing in Germany, how you will be as a roommate (quiet, cooking nights, tidy, talkative...). If your German is not good, then write in English! Your possible flat mates will receive hundreds of mails, so you need to stand out! (Most common website is www.wg-gesucht.de)

If you arrive early, it is sometimes quite smart to go talk to the people in the Studierendenwerk, maybe offer to write a blog on your experiences as an international student in Freiburg in exchange for a room in student housing?

1. Student Accommodation/Dormitories:

Direct link for Application: <https://www.swfr.de/ipack3/ipack3/#admission> (Application period: **15.7–31.08**)

Summary of dormitories: <https://www.swfr.de/en/residence/student-residence/summary-of-dormitories/>

Additional dormitories: (Information is mainly german but some rooms are reserved for international students):

<http://www.thomasmorusburse.de/html/media/download343.html> -> You can find the english Application form in the second document (international) if you scroll down.

<http://www.albanstolzhaus.de/page.html> -> If you scroll down you can find a blue button "apply". It is for international students

2. International Office Apartment Database:

<https://www.international-office.uni-freiburg.de/apartment/wohnungsd-b-en>

Additional: <https://www.swfr.de/en/residence/housing-services/info/> (You can just use the Service Portal if you have already enrolled in the University and you got your student-number)

3. Living with Refugees: <https://www.swfr.de/en/residence/social-project-laengenloh/>

4. Elderly Assisting Living / Homesharing: <https://www.swfr.de/en/residence/wohnen-fuer-hilfe/info/>

5. Zypressen (the paper) and online: <http://zyppresse.com/kleinanzeigen/mieten-vermieten/>
<https://www.immobilienscout24.de/> <http://www.immowelt.de>

6. Online flat-sharing sites: - <http://www.wg-gesucht.de> - <http://www.easywg.de/> -
<http://www.studentenwohnungsmarkt.de/>

7. Places to stay on short notice: www.jugendherberge-freiburg.de - <http://www.blackforest-hostel.de/>

