

## HOUSING IN TOULOUSE

Toulouse is a vibrant student city where accommodation fills up quickly, especially in August and September. Incoming international students are therefore strongly encouraged to begin their housing search as soon as they are admitted to Sciences Po Toulouse and book temporary or permanent housing as soon as possible.

Finding accommodation before arriving in Toulouse can be challenging, as many landlords prefer to meet prospective tenants in person before signing a contract. However, estate agencies can also assist with your search, although they usually charge a fee for securing a room or apartment.

Please also note that some apartment owners may be reluctant to rent to students staying for only one semester and may give preference to applicants staying for a full academic year. However, you are entitled to sign a one-year lease and give notice if you wish to leave before the end of the contract. In Toulouse, the notice period is generally one month. This option can improve your chances of securing accommodation.

### **Please be aware:**

**International students are often prime targets for scams by private landlords operating outside official agencies, so no payment should ever be made before a rental contract has been signed.**

### **Best strategy:**

1. Book a hostel / aparthotel for your first 1-2 weeks
2. Visit apartments in person once in Toulouse
3. Move into long-term housing after viewings

### **The Toul'Box**

To assist you with all the steps involved in arriving and getting settled in Toulouse and its region, The University of Toulouse can provide you with a range of service packs tailored to your situation and your needs, including assistance in your search for accommodation.

You can find more information on: <https://toulbox.univ-toulouse.fr/en/offers/>

## Upon your arrival in Toulouse

If you can, we advise you to come 1 or 2 weeks before the beginning of the school year or semester. Many students are also looking for accommodation so your search can take time. Here you can find some websites for temporary/long-term accommodation.

<b>LA CITE INTERNATIONALE</b>	<a href="http://cite-internationale-toulouse.fr">Cité Internationale de Toulouse (cite-internationale-toulouse.fr)</a>
<b>LA PETITE AUBERGE DE SAINT- SERNIN</b>	<a href="http://www.lapetiteaubergedesaintsemin.com/">http://www.lapetiteaubergedesaintsemin.com/</a>
<b>NEXITY STUDEA</b>	<a href="https://www.nexity-studea.com/en/">https://www.nexity-studea.com/en/</a>
<b>HOSTELS IN TOULOUSE</b>	<a href="https://www.hostelworld.com/">https://www.hostelworld.com/</a>
<b>HOTELS IN TOULOUSE</b>	<a href="http://uk.hotels.com/de526515/hotels-toulouse-france/">http://uk.hotels.com/de526515/hotels-toulouse-france/</a>
<b>LES ESTUDINES</b>	<a href="https://www.estudines.com/uk/">https://www.estudines.com/uk/</a>

## Accommodation in Toulouse:

### ➤ Private ads:

[www.leboncoin.fr](http://www.leboncoin.fr) : This website is very popular for housing ads. Here you can find various listings by real estate agencies and/or private individuals.

[www.pap.fr](http://www.pap.fr) "Particulier à particulier"

Apartments leased from a private individual (usually there are no contract fees).

### ➤ Private ads specialized in shared accommodation:

[www.appartager.com](http://www.appartager.com)

[www.lacartedescolocs.com](http://www.lacartedescolocs.com) **La Carte des Colocs** lists ads for rooms in shared apartments, making rent significantly more affordable.

### ➤ Facebook Groups:

[Colocation Toulouse/La carte des colocs](#) (French)

[Toulouse location/colocation de bouche a Oreille](#) (French)

**Real estate agencies** can be a useful option, although renting through them may be challenging as they often require extensive documentation (such as tax returns, payslips, and a financial guarantor). They also usually charge administrative fees when the final contract is signed. Despite these requirements, they can still be a good choice if you would like access to a wider range of listings.

- [www.foncia.fr](http://www.foncia.fr)
- [www.orpi.com](http://www.orpi.com)
- [www.century21.fr](http://www.century21.fr)
- [www.seloger.com](http://www.seloger.com)

## Private student residences:

Private student residences are usually good options if you are looking for an accommodation in France. They are mostly located in city-center or near universities, provide useful utilities for students (sport rooms, launderettes, internet access) and are usually already furnished. The main disadvantage of these residences are high renting costs.

- [www.adele.org](http://www.adele.org)
- [www.studently.com](http://www.studently.com)
- [www.logement-etudiant.com](http://www.logement-etudiant.com)
- [www.lokaviz.fr](http://www.lokaviz.fr)

<b>PRIVATE STUDENT RESIDENCES</b>	<a href="https://www.adele.org/residence/agglomeration/toulouse/logement-etudiant">https://www.adele.org/residence/agglomeration/toulouse/logement-etudiant</a>
<b>ImmoJeune</b>	<a href="https://www.immojeune.com/location-etudiant/toulouse-31.html">https://www.immojeune.com/location-etudiant/toulouse-31.html</a>
<b>STUDEA Nexity</b>	<a href="https://www.nexity-studea.com/locations-etudiantes/toulouse">https://www.nexity-studea.com/locations-etudiantes/toulouse</a>
<b>Residence - Les estudines</b>	<a href="https://www.estudines.com/residence-logement-etudiant-toulouse-19-11.html">https://www.estudines.com/residence-logement-etudiant-toulouse-19-11.html</a>
<b>CAP LOGEMENT</b>	<a href="https://www.cap-logement-etudiant.com/residence-service-etudiant/occitanie/haute-garonne/toulouse/sainte-catherine-m16822.htm">https://www.cap-logement-etudiant.com/residence-service-etudiant/occitanie/haute-garonne/toulouse/sainte-catherine-m16822.htm</a>
<b>Oh mon appart</b>	<a href="https://www.oh-monappartetudiant.fr/">https://www.oh-monappartetudiant.fr/</a>
<b>STUD'APART</b>	<a href="#">Logement Étudiant à Toulouse   Studapart</a>
<b>RESIDENCE JOLIMONT</b>	<a href="http://www.residence-jolimont.com/">http://www.residence-jolimont.com/</a>

## Homestays

If you wish to improve your French language skills and experience the French way of life by living with a local family, you can consider homestays.

[Chambre à louer chez l'habitant Toulouse \(cohebergement.com\)](http://cohebergement.com)

## Housing guarantors

Some agencies and private landlords require a “garant” (guarantor) to sign the contract as a guarantee against the eventuality of unpaid rent. As the guarantor must reside in France, international students are often unable to provide one. In this situation, you can apply for a guarantor on Visale or Garantme:

### **VISALE: FOR STUDENTS AND PEOPLE AGED 30 OR YOUNGER.**

The application must be made on [Visale.fr](http://Visale.fr)

Be aware that once the Visale visa is given to the owner, they need to follow the same steps on the website by filling in the unique visa number of the future tenant along with the accommodation characteristics. Obtaining your Visale certificate may take several weeks in August and September, as processing times are often extended during this period due to a high volume of applications.

### **GARANTME: FOR STUDENTS AND PEOPLE AGED 30+ YEARS OLD.**

The application must be made on [GarantMe.fr](http://GarantMe.fr)

## Some useful terms:

### Apartment sizes:

**T1 or studio:** 1 room (living area, kitchen, bedroom all in the same space) and bathroom

**T1 bis:** 1 bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom

**T2:** 2 rooms: 1 bedroom (usually separated from the other room) with a bathroom and a kitchen with a living room (can be both in the same open space)

**T3:** 3 rooms: same as above with 2 bedrooms instead of just one

**Cuis. Equip** (*cuisine équipée*): equipped kitchen (cooking hob and fridge)

**SDB: Salle de Bain:** Bathroom

**RDC: Rez de Chaussee:** Ground floor

**1er ET: Premier étage:** First floor

**CC : Charges Comprises:** Utility costs included

**TTC : Toutes charges comprises :** All utility costs included (water and condominium fees)

**FA: Frais d'agence:** Agency fees (these are usually one month's rent)

**HC or HT: Hors Charges:** Without utility costs