

ORNL PARTICIPANT HOUSING GUIDE

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is situated on U.S. Department of Energy lands which are about 10 miles from the town of Oak Ridge, and about 13 miles from Interstates 40/75 in West Knoxville. A car is recommended as public transportation to/from ORNL is not available. If you do not have a vehicle, you may consider housing options in the UT area as a daily shuttle to ORNL may be offered during your appointment. See page 3 for more information.

Finding safe and affordable housing will require your attention immediately upon selection into the program. If you are appointed for a shorter period of time (under one year) or are appointed for the summer period (May to August), it is important that you start your search as early as possible. There is a higher demand for short-term housing and options can be limited for the summer months.

Below you will find general guidance to start your housing search. This is by no means an all-inclusive list of options. You must evaluate your housing options carefully as not all may meet your specific needs. ***This guide does not replace the Intern Housing resource that may be sent to non-local interns based on the guidelines of your program.*** Refer to your appointment letter to determine if you will also receive this additional resource.

Beginning Your Search

- Use your networks
 - Check with your college/university to see if they have an alumni chapter in the area. Local alumni chapters can be a good source of housing information.
 - Check with your friends and family.
- Check with your mentor to get insight on a particular location.

General Research Advice

You should always consider safety and budget as part of your housing search. Short-term housing is normally more expensive than the standard one-year lease. Check your appointment letter or with ORISE to see if you are eligible to receive an allowance to help offset a portion of your housing costs. Having this information upfront will assist you with your planning. When renting, consider the following:

Safety

- Safety of the neighborhood—references, postings, and police reports, etc.
- Safety of the building and apartment—security, deadbolts, fire alarms, etc.
- Check references and postings online about the housing you are considering and ask previous interns if they would recommend an apartment complex on the [ORNL Interns page on Facebook](#).

Costs

- Is a short-term lease available?
- Which utilities, such as gas, water, and electricity are included in your rent? If not, on average, how much are the utilities per month?
- How much money is required to move in; security deposit, first/last month's rent?
- Are references and a credit check required? Be sure to allow time for this by choosing your apartment as soon as possible.
- Be sure that you have a written agreement clearly stating all expectations/requirements by both parties and have it reviewed by an attorney as needed.
- Ask to see if there are any discounts available to ORNL interns.
- Traveling with pets, children or a partner may increase your costs.
- Consider your costs for daily transportation to/from ORNL and on evenings and weekends.

Amenities/Proximity

- Are there laundry facilities available? If not, are there any nearby?
- Is the apartment furnished? Will you need to bring cookware, utensils, or linens?
- Is it in close proximity to restaurants, grocery stores, shopping areas, etc.?
- Is there adequate and safe parking?
- Does it offer other amenities such as a fitness room, pool, walking trails, organized social events, etc.?
- Are there other interns who will be living there? You can always ask at [ORNL Interns page on Facebook](#).

Roommate Considerations

As a way to manage your costs, you may want to consider having a roommate. This also makes commuting more convenient if you choose to carpool. Check the [ORNL Interns page on Facebook](#) for additional resources.

Questions to ask a potential roommate

- Do you smoke? If your answers do not match, can a compromise be reached (i.e. no smoking indoors but okay on balcony/patio)?
- Are you a night owl or an early riser? If your preferences do not match, perhaps quiet hours can be set at a mutually agreeable time.
- Are you generally neat or messy?
- Consider other questions based on what may be important for you.

Suggestions for living with roommates

- Establish house rules within first week. Consider a written agreement that all sign and can refer to later.
- Set a schedule for cleaning duties of common areas.
- Discuss cooking and food sharing.
- Discuss parameters surrounding guests: family, friends, overnight.
- Communication and respect is critical.

Apartment/Housing Resources – Oak Ridge and Knoxville, TN areas

Below are various resources to help you identify housing during your appointment. ***This is not a comprehensive list. ORISE is not affiliated with these companies and does not review or approve any of the websites, listings, or potential roommates you may find. Inclusion of a listing in this guide does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by ORISE, ORAU, DOE, ORNL, or UT-Battelle.*** You should use the same degree of care in selecting housing and/or a roommate that you would use in any other circumstance. All listings will have different requirements for minimum leases, so be sure that you verify as you make your decision. The information is always subject to change and we strongly advise you to call and verify all information provided.

Websites:

www.apartmentratings.com

www.oakridger.com

www.apartmentguide.com

www.apartmenthomeliving.com

www.knoxvillechamber.com

www.andersoncountychamber.org

www.knoxvilleapartmentguide.com

www.knoxcorporateapts.com

www.knoxnews.com

www.apartments.com

www.oakridgechamber.org

www.loudoncountychamberofcommerce.com

Apartment Services:

Apartment Finders Inc.

(865) 693-3300

Apartment Guide

(865) 584-0085

Corporate Quarters (featuring furnished housing)

(865) 675-3146

ORNL Guest House:

The ORNL Guest House is located on the ORNL campus and is a short walk away from the Spallation Neutron Source and within a five-minute drive of the rest of ORNL. The Guest House is a three-story, 47-room, 71 bed facility and all rooms have a mini-fridge, microwave, and high speed wireless internet access. Vending machines are available and a hot breakfast is offered. Additional dining options are limited unless you will be leaving the ORNL campus (personal vehicle required). Reservations can be made by calling 865-576-8101 or you can visit the [website](#).

ORNL Academic/Student Guest House Rates are \$74 to \$89 per night (subject to change) plus tax and availability is limited. A minimum number of nights may be required for the academic/student rate.

University of Tennessee – Knoxville (UTK) Summer Housing – On Campus

University of Tennessee-Knoxville Summer Housing is closed for summer 2019. Please contact your program specialist if you have any questions.

The University of Tennessee offers summer housing for UT and non-UT college students conducting research at UT and ORNL. See below for images of Vol Hall.

Housing contracts can start as early as May 23 and end no later than August 3rd. Approximately 35 rooms will remain open until August 9th on a first come/first serve basis. Requested start and end dates will be approved or not approved before you commit to the contract. Please be sure that your appointment dates fit within the designated time frame if you choose to use this housing option. If not, contact your ORISE contact and see if the dates can be changed with your mentor. Rates, full guidelines, and details are located at [Summer Research Housing at UTK](#). ORNL participants must pre-pay upon arrival.



Students in summer research housing will have the opportunity to participate in social activities and professional development during the evening hours in the dorm. A schedule will be posted of activities including workshops on how to apply for the NSF GRFP, a Graduate School Social Hour, and a trip to the campus planetarium.

UTK to ORNL Shuttle Bus

A daily shuttle (approximately 30 – 45 minute trip) may be offered from UTK to ORNL. If you do not have a personal vehicle and/or are considering housing that is close to the University of Tennessee – Knoxville campus, this is a convenient option for transportation to and from the lab. The shuttle runs on the UTK academic calendar. That means it DOES NOT OPERATE on weekend, holidays, breaks, and administrative closings. Please follow the links below for a copy of the UTK academic calendar and the Shuttle Route Info, which lists pickup and drop off times and locations.

2019 UTK Academic Calendar: <https://registrar.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/38/2018/10/AcadCal18-19.pdf>

Shuttle Route Info:

The shuttle activity will not be confirmed until April 1. View last year's route below. <https://ridethet.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2017/08/ORNL-PSCC-Revised-Route-Info-2018.pdf>

University of Tennessee – Knoxville (UTK) Off-Campus Housing:

UTK provides an [off-campus housing resource](#) for the usage of its students. ORISE participants can search the site for more information on housing options in the Knoxville area. As this resource is designed for UTK students, many of the listings may not be available during the summer or during your appointment dates. Locations will vary but be aware that the UTK campus is approximately 20 miles from ORNL and the commute to ORNL can take at least 30 – 45 minutes. If the housing is in the UTK area, you may be able to ride the shuttle mentioned above.

Apartment complexes by location:

OakRidge

*For information on the ORNL guest housing, please see above.

[Bristol Park Apartments](#) – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.

790 Emory Valley Road (865) 483-4008

[Centennial Village](#) – Offers leasing from 2 months to 14 months.

180 Waterview Drive (865) 481-0886

<u>Oak Ridge Lodging</u> – Offers nightly, weekly, and monthly rates.	
101 Gates Drive	(865) 481-0603
<u>Tara Hills Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 24 months.	
101 Elmhurst Drive	(865) 483-5564
Clinton	
<u>Carriage Hill & Carriage Trace Apartments</u> – Offers 12 month lease only.	
301 Carriage Drive	(865) 457-4564
<u>Willow Run Apartments</u> – Offers leasing options up to 12 months.	
517 Douglas Lane.....	(865) 457-8066
West Knoxville	
<u>Amberleigh Bluff</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months.	
350 Amberleigh Bluff Way.....	(865) 357-7753
<u>Bell Walker’s Crossing</u> – Offers furnished leasing from 1 month to 12 months.	
8301 Block House Way	(865) 670-8836
<u>Brendon Park Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 15 months (additional c on 6-9 month lease).	
9123 Grayland Drive	(865) 693-0282
<u>Briarcliff at West Hills</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months.	
505 Buckeye Drive	(865) 693-2932
<u>Churchill Downs</u> – Offers leasing from 9 months to 12 months.	
1522 Secretariat Boulevard	(865) 691-3678
<u>Copper Pointe</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.	
401 South Gallaher View Road	(865) 690-7940
<u>Country Club Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.	
8400 Country Club Way	(865) 693-5701
<u>Crestridge</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months.	
800 Longview Road.....	(865) 551-6937
<u>Cross Creek</u> – Offers 12 month lease only.	
5000 Western Avenue	(865) 584-4624
<u>Eagle Pointe</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months	
8608 Eagle Pointe Drive.....	(833)-718-7587
<u>Elevation Knoxville Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.	
1000 Country Oaks Circle	(865) 214-6238
<u>Emerald Woods</u> – Offers 12 month lease only.	
9400 Havenbrooke Way	(865) 357-6200
<u>Everly</u> – Offers 3 to 12 month leasing only.	
519 Morrell Road.....	(865) 693-7074
<u>Forest Ridge</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.	
9706 Smokey Ridge Way	(855)439-0423
<u>Fox Lake</u> – Offers 12 month lease only.	
505 Fox Crossing Blvd	(865) 531-6100
<u>Greystone Pointe</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 14 months.	
10905 Hawkes Bay Way.....	(865) 454-8197
<u>Greystone Summit</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 14 months.	
2531 Oleander Way	(865) 357-5700
<u>Greystone Vista</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 14 months.	
2111 Greystone Vista Way	(865) 690-7762
<u>Heritage Lake at Westland</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.	
1105 Lake Heritage Way.....	(865) 966-9997
<u>Kingston Pointe Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.	
6315 Kingston Pike	(865) 584-5921
<u>Lovell Center</u> – Offers 12 month lease only.	
10408 Lovell Center Drive.....	(865) 363-4330
<u>Lovell Crossing</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.	
1300 Lovell Crossing Way	(865) 539-9130
<u>Manor View</u> - Offers leasing from 3 months to 13 months.	
500 Manor View Drive	(865) 690-9444

<u>The Metropolitan</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months and 15 months 790 North Cedar Bluff Road.....	(865) 690-0495
<u>Papermill Square</u> – Offers leasing from 4 months to 15 months 3820 Papermill Square Road	(865) 312-7970
<u>Ridgedale Townhomes</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months. 2728 Sood Road.....	(865) 690-1425
<u>Sequoyah Village Apartments</u> – Offers 12 month leasing only. 3708 Keowee Avenue, SW.....	(865) 523-1617
<u>Sutter’s Mill</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. 1101 Sutter’s Mill Lane	(865) 238-2249
<u>The Bridlewood on Westland</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 24 months. 8700 Hopemont Way.....	(865) 531-1000
<u>The Enclave of Hardin Valley Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 13 months. 2100 Greenland Way.....	(865) 249-7656
<u>The Grove at Deane Hill</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months. 520 Windview Way.....	(865) 769-3900
<u>The Hammond</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. 4619 Sunflower Road	(865) 622-3871
<u>The Preserve at Hardin Valley</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 13 months. 2310 Yellow Birch Way	(865) 789-2310
<u>The Vue At Ridge Way</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. 1201 Vista Ridge Way	(865) 212-3876
<u>The Willows of West Hills</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. 7118 West Arbor Trace Drive	(866) 588-9535
<u>Walden Legacy</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 14 months. 1261 Walden Legacy Way.....	(865) 560-3114
<u>Walker Springs</u> – Offers 12 months leasing only. 721 Walker Springs Road.....	(865) 693-7470
<u>Waterford Village</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months. 5201 Western Avenue.....	(865) 312-7269
<u>Wellsley Park at Deane Hill</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. 7300 Sir Walter Way.....	(865) 221-7930
<u>West Gate Terrace</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months. 801 Gate Lane.....	(865) 584-9651
<u>West Hills Village</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months. 3100 Lake Brooke Boulevard	(865) 584-0229
<u>Windover</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 15 months. 301 Cheshire Drive.....	(865) 551-6034

Downtown Knoxville – University of Tennessee area

*For information on the UT – Knoxville (UTK)/ORNL daily shuttle, please see above.

<u>Barclay House Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. 1631 Laurel Avenue.....	(865) 522-6987
<u>Keystone Creek</u> – Offers 12 month lease only. 3910 Middlebrook Pike.....	(865) 522-5815
<u>MapleHurst Park Apartments</u> - Offers 12 month leasing only. 814 West Hill Ave.....	(865)525-1104
<u>Marble Alley Lofts</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months. 300 State Street.....	(865) 544-1193
<u>Mountain Brook Apartments</u> – Offers leasing from 6 months to 13 months. 415 Prestwick Ridge Way	(865) 524-5200
<u>Society 865</u> – Offers 12 months leasing and 2 month summer leasing. 2240 Grand Ave.....	(865) 633-9422
<u>The Commons on Bridge Apartments</u> – TBD 1105 Bridge Ave	(865) 238-5462
<u>The Commons at Knoxville</u> – Offers 11.5 month leasing only. 1640 Grand Ave. Suite 101.....	(865)637-6222

- The Hive** – Offers 12 month lease only.
1316 Bridge Avenue Southwest..... (865) 637-3444
- The Knox** – Offers 12 month lease only. – Furnished – All utilities included in cost.
1511 Clinch Ave (865) 297-4455
- The Social** – Offers 12 month leasing only.
2521 Kingston Pike (844) 604-8169
- The Landings Riverfront Apartment** – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
970 Riverside Forest Way (865) 249-8065

Lenoir City

- The Cove at Creekwood Park** – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
245 Creekwood Cove Lane..... (865) 988-7776
- Kelly Pointe Apartments** – Offers 12 month leasing only.
155 Kelly Lane (865) 317-1564

Housing Safety and Security Standards

Use the checklist below as a resource to assist in your search and decision process.

✓	Standard or Condition
	Landlord has no record of serious safety or security problems/complaints that have not been resolved in a timely and acceptable manner.
	Facility meets or exceeds local building and safety (e.g., fire) codes and ordinances and has adequate utility (e.g., electrical, water, natural gas and sewerage) services.
	Entry doors are sound and constructed of solid wood or metal.
	Entry doors are equipped with deadbolt locks.
	Main entry door is equipped with a peephole.
	Sliding glass doors onto patios or balconies are equipped with pins or bars to prevent break-ins.
	Locks are changed or re-keyed for each new resident.
	Windows are secured with locks (screens are desirable but optional).
	Curtains, shades, blinds or other such window treatments are required on all windows to ensure privacy.
	Kitchen, bathroom, and outdoor electrical outlets are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters(GFCIs).
	All electrical outlets are grounded (three-prong plugs)
	All electrical receptacles and switches have unbroken plates.
	At least one smoke detector is located outside each unit’s bedroom(s) as well as in common areas (e.g., hallways, laundry rooms, and basement or attic storage areas). All smoke detectors are operable at time of occupancy (i.e., fresh batteries have been installed or preferably, the detectors are hardwired into the electrical system-with back-up battery power).
	Carbon monoxide detectors are present in facilities with gas furnaces and/or water heaters. They are operable at time of occupancy.
	At least one fire extinguisher is available in each unit and in common areas (e.g., hallways, laundries and basement or attic storage areas). All fire extinguishers are properly charged and checked and serviced on a regular basis.
	Hallways, stairways, storage areas and laundry rooms are well lit at night.
	Trees, shrubs and other vegetation is trimmed and maintained below window height to prevent attackers or peeping toms from using them as hiding places.
	Parking areas have adequate lighting at night and afford a clear line of sight to main building entrances.
	Building exteriors have adequate security lighting.
	Residents have an emergency number they may call 24-7 to report lost or stolen keys, utility failures and for other such immediate emergency needs.
	Although not mandatory, security or intrusion alarm systems are advisable for the facility. Participants are encouraged to purchase portable security alarm systems if not provided by landlords.