

## Frequently Asked Questions Staff and Faculty

### 1. Are all staff and faculty eligible to access Community Rentals Office's listings?

Faculty and staff who are paid through the UCSC's payroll system have access to the listings for no charge. Those affiliated with UCSC in other ways may pay a \$10.00 user fee for 30 days access. Examples of affiliates are Shakespeare Santa Cruz employees and UC Extension faculty.

### 2. What do I need to do in order to gain access to the listings?

To request a password to view the listings, go to our website [communityrentals.ucsc.edu](http://communityrentals.ucsc.edu) and click on **Search for Rentals**. Click on the link **request a password** and type in your UCSC email address, to which your password will then be emailed. Note: If you are an eligible faculty or staff member who has not set up a UCSC email account yet, click on **Search for Rentals** and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to request a temporary password.

### 3. When should I start looking for my housing?

It is a good idea to start looking three to four weeks in advance of your move-in date, or earlier if you have special requirements. Most landlords don't know if their rental will be available until their tenant gives a 30-day notice.

### 4. How much should I expect to spend for housing?

Click on the link to our quarterly **Rental Cost Statistics** from our main web page for price ranges of everything from rooms in shared housing to 5 or 6 bedroom houses. You can also view prices of current listings by clicking on "Post of Modify a Rental," the scroll down and click on "Rental Listings web site," then click on "View Rental list."

### 5. Where do I start?

If you are a first time renter in California visit our website, [communityrentals.ucsc.edu](http://communityrentals.ucsc.edu) and take the online Renter's Workshop Training. Although it is designed for first-time student renters, it will give you insight about what to expect as a renter in California.

Second, prepare a rental application packet. It is important to make a good impression with landlords. Even in a favorable rental market, there is always competition for the best rentals. Check out the [Rental Application Packet Checklist](#) on the **Rental Forms and Resources** page of our website, and start working on your application packet. You will impress a landlord and have a much better chance of being accepted for the house of your choice.

Finally, look at current listings to educate yourself about the rental market—get a good idea of what you can actually get for your money. Determine the best location for your needs. After looking at a number of rentals, you will know what a fair value is and what you can pass up.

### 6. Where do I find other resources?

Investigate the [Rental Forms and Resource Information](#) page on our website. You will find over 70 forms, resource flyers and links.