

Accommodation Guide

The Accommodation team is based at the Ormskirk campus in Catalyst (from August 2018). Although you are away from the main campus you can still access our services either online, on the phone or over email.

Of course if you are ever at the Ormskirk campus you can drop in to Catalyst and speak to a member of staff.

You can get in touch via the contact details below, or stay connected with us on social media.

✉ accommodation@edgehill.ac.uk
🌐 ehu.ac.uk/accommodationteam
🐦 [@StudentsEHU](https://twitter.com/StudentsEHU)
📘 facebook.com/StudentsEHU

Edge Hill Students' Union can also provide advice & guidance on house-hunting.

✉ suadvice@edgehill.ac.uk
🌐 edgehillsu.org.uk

What accommodation is available?

Edge Hill University does not operate any accommodation in Manchester however we can offer you our advice and guidance to help you find the right place to live.

Manchester offers a huge range of student accommodation options to choose from.

Third party providers

There are many halls of residence available in the city that are open to students from any institution; a popular choice particularly for your first year of study when you will get to meet other students.

Halls of residence will typically have on-site security, student support (such as

Resident Advisors or Student Guides), reception services and property management services. Rates will usually include all bills and maintenance.

Shared houses

Shared houses remain popular among students, especially after your first year when you have found others that you wish to live with.

Properties range in size from one bedroom to ten bedrooms although some can be larger than this.

You can find shared houses through letting agents, student housing agents or direct via landlord advertisements. Rates can be either inclusive or exclusive of bills and maintenance; always ensure this is clearly detailed in your tenancy agreement.

Where to start?

✓ *Check your budget*

You need to decide what you can afford to pay in rent before you start looking for properties. There is plenty of accommodation available so there is no need to take the first room you look at. The Money Advice team can help you to understand your budget.

🌐 edgehill.ac.uk/moneyadvice

✓ *Decide where to live*

Manchester is a large city with a great public transport network to get you to campus.

Rates will often be higher as you get closer to the city centre; before signing a tenancy agreement for a property always check the transport costs & journey time to get to campus, and placements if applicable.

✓ *Check the reputation of the provider*

Make sure that you check your accommodation is reputable, e.g. do they have a well-maintained website? Are there adequate contact details available including phone and email? Can you speak to current or past residents to find out their experience? Is the property covered by an accreditation scheme? Manchester Student Homes is an independent organisation that operates an accreditation scheme covering student properties in Manchester – see further information at the link below:

🌐 manchesterstudenthomes.com

If in doubt please seek advice from the Accommodation team or Students' Union.

✓ *Thoroughly read your tenancy agreement before signing*

Any contract you sign with a private accommodation provider is a legally binding document for a fixed term and you are financially liable for the rent for the whole term of the contract so make sure you are certain you want a property before committing yourself.

Before you sign any contract, it is best to seek advice from the Accommodation team or Students' Union. We recommend that you never sign a joint tenancy agreement and always ask for a single tenancy agreement.

✓ *Connect with other Edge Hill students based at St James' campus*

To find other students from Edge Hill University looking for accommodation in Manchester we have a dedicated Facebook group. Please join here:

🌐 [EHUFlatmateFinderManchester](https://www.facebook.com/EHUFlatmateFinderManchester)