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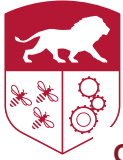
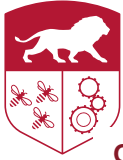


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Purpose

Access to housing in France depends heavily on planning ahead. Indeed, the student housing market in Lyon is particularly tight, and it is strongly recommended that you begin your search at least two months before your arrival.

The International Relations Office at École Centrale de Lyon has prepared this guide to assist international students in their search for housing in Écully and Lyon.

Its goal is also to introduce international students to the various types of housing available, in order to facilitate their adjustment, cultural immersion, and learning of the French language.

Housing Information + Guarantors

When renting a property, the landlord seeks to ensure that rent will be paid regularly. This is where the guarantor, also known as a joint guarantor, comes in. This is a person (or sometimes an organization) who commits in writing to pay the rent and utilities in the event the tenant defaults.

The guarantor therefore provides financial security for the landlord (the property owner). This allows the landlord to rent out their property with greater peace of mind.

For the tenant, having a guarantor is often essential to securing housing, particularly in high-demand areas where rental demand is strong. In the absence of a personal guarantor, the tenant can turn to services such as Visale or Garantme

In summary, the presence of a guarantor strengthens the relationship of trust between the landlord and the tenant. It provides security for the landlord while facilitating access to housing for people with modest or irregular incomes.

- VISALE: <https://www.visale.fr/>
- Garantme: <https://garantme.fr/fr/>

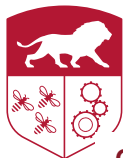
Note: When reserving housing, you will be required to pay at least a security deposit and the first month's rent, plus any application fees

Mon Logement Étudiant Platform (MESRE)

The Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Space's Mon Logement Étudiant platform is a free public service designed to support and simplify the process of finding housing for students.

The platform centralizes reliable housing listings from over 230 residences across the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes academic region. It also offers tools to help manage your budget, including housing assistance simulators and student budget calculators.

To support students in finding reliable and affordable housing as the Parcoursup and Mon Master results approach.



MESRE provides communication tools for higher education institutions to promote Mon Logement Étudiant.

We therefore invite you to integrate the [student housing search module](#) into your websites and to distribute [the communication kit](#) within your institutions.

Practical Guide to Finding Student Housing for International Students

Moving to France to continue your studies is both an enriching and stimulating experience. However, this transition can quickly become a source of stress, especially when it comes to finding housing.

For international students, this search is often a real challenge. Between cultural differences, sometimes complex administrative procedures, the language barrier, and a rental market that is often tight, it can be difficult to navigate the process and make the right choices.

This guide aims to walk you through the process step by step, providing practical advice and essential information to help you settle in and find housing that meets your needs.

For more information: <https://www.dossierfacile.logement.gouv.fr/blog/etudiant-etranger-logement>
contact@dossierfacile.logement.gouv.fr

Private Housing Private Student Residence

- **Nomad Campus:**

Nomad Campus offers various student residences in Lyon and the surrounding area, including some near the campus and others accessible by public transportation (approx. max. 30 minutes)

<https://nomadcampus.com/residence/le-galion>

- **Studéa Nexity**

*Thanks to its partnership with Studéa Nexity residences, Centrale Lyon offers its students access to **furnished studios at special rates**. The residences are located right in the city center and feature many convenient amenities to make student life easier.*

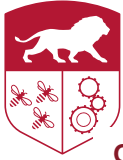
Free transfer between residences: move to a different city or residence with complete freedom, without administrative fees.

25% off administrative fees: a significant savings when you sign your contract. Studio in the provinces: €500 → €375

Contact to take advantage of these benefits: resa-studea@nexity.fr

- **Bed&Crous:** *(Short-term stay upon arrival)*

Students and higher education staff, whether French or international, whether traveling alone, as a couple, with family, or with friends, can now stay in one of our university residences.



- Are you visiting for professional or personal reasons?
- Your dates are flexible:
 - arrival and departure on a weekday or weekend
 - arrival earlier or later than the usual check-in times
- Your stay is short: from 1 night to less than a month

<https://www.bedandcrous.com/>

Please note: Reservations are in high demand. Please book as early as possible!

- **Popinns Association**

You must register online directly on the website for the residence of your choice. For your information, the Part Dieu residence is directly accessible via the C6 bus. If your housing request is not successful, it will be redirected to other Popinns residences. <https://popinns.org/>

Near Campus:

Drakkar Residence: <https://nomadcampus.com/residence/le-drakkar>

Galion Residence: <https://nomadcampus.com/residence/le-galion>

Vaise neighborhood:

Good Morning Lyon Vaise Residence: <https://nomadcampus.com/residence/good-morning-lyon-vaize>

Studio 9 Residence: <https://nomadcampus.com/residence/studio-9>

Intergenerational Solidarity Housing

Solidarity-based intergenerational cohabitation is a mutual aid program that allows a senior with a spare room to host a young person. They can do so in exchange for companionship, small favors, or a modest financial contribution.

- **City of Lyon**

Intergenerational housing, student housing in municipal independent living facilities, Maison de la diversité, ... In Lyon, several options allow seniors to share their daily lives with young people, who can thus find affordable housing.

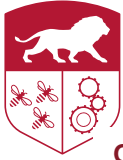
<https://www.lyon.fr/vie-pratique/seniors/la-cohabitation-intergenerationnelle>

- **40+ Roommate Matching Back to Home**

Housing in exchange for services is a form of shared living that involves providing accommodation to a person in exchange for various services, in return for a moderate rent or no rent at all.

<https://www.colocation-adulte.fr/logement-intergenerationnel-ecully/senior-etudiant/ecully#:~:text=Free%20Intergenerational%20Housing%20in%20Ecully,in%20this%20case,%20rent%20is%20free> .

<https://www.colocation-adulte.fr/contact>



- **The CROUS**

The CROUS support students in their daily lives during their higher education. Their mission is to improve living and learning conditions: scholarships, housing, dining, financial aid, campus life, and student jobs. The CROUS in Lyon offers, in particular, an intergenerational co-living program:

<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/se-loger/je-cherche-un-logement/residences-intergenerationnelles-au-crous-de-lyon/>

Contact: resa.rpa@crous-lyon.fr

- **Tim&Colette**

TIM&COLETTE connects young people looking for furnished housing with older adults who have a spare room and wish to have a reassuring presence in the evenings and at night. Whether you're a student, apprentice, intern, professional, or someone in career transition, you can access a room in a private home at a reasonable rate. It's a secure way to find housing and embark on a genuine life experience rooted in sharing, kind interaction, and intergenerational solidarity.

[https://www.timetcolette.fr/
contact@timetcolette.fr](https://www.timetcolette.fr/contact@timetcolette.fr)

- **Colette**

Colette helps students and young professionals find housing in intergenerational living arrangements with hosts who have a room to rent.

leclub@colette.club

<https://www.colette.club/activites-senior?area=LYON>

Other housing options

- **CROUS**

In addition to university housing and intergenerational living arrangements, there are several options for finding student housing: independent apartments or studios, rooms in private homes, shared apartments, etc.

<https://www.crous-lyon.fr/se-loger/je-cherche-un-logement/faire-une-demande-de-logement-dans-une-residence-crous/>

<https://www.lokaviz.fr/>

- **Lyon Expat Services**

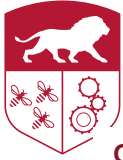
Since 2009, Lyon Expat Services has been assisting expatriates, relocating executives, and international students with their relocation and integration in Lyon, offering a range of personalized services to facilitate their stay.

1. *Support for international students settling in Lyon*

Providing comprehensive support to help international students settle in under the best conditions:

Housing search: furnished apartments, student residences, or homestays.

Connecting students with local organizations dedicated to welcoming international students.



Organizing meetups between international and French students to foster cultural exchange and integration.

2. Homestays in Lyon, Paris, and throughout France

Organizing stays with French host families for international students seeking an authentic cultural immersion experience in Lyon, Paris, and soon in other regions of France.

Hosting of individual participants or school groups.

Flexible stay durations: from a few days to several months.

Personalized support to ensure an enriching experience.

We are currently expanding our host network throughout France.

info@lyon-expat.com

<https://www.lyon-expat-services.com/fr/nous-contacter.html>

- **ANIL (National Agency for Housing Information)**

As the resource center for the Departmental Housing Information Agencies (ADIL), ANIL's mission is to promote the creation of ADILs and provide ongoing support for their operations in terms of documentation, information, training, and research.

Taking local specificities into account, ADILs provide the public with free, impartial, and personalized advice on all legal, financial, and tax issues related to housing and urban planning, and offer solutions tailored to their personal circumstances.

<https://www.adil69.org/>

<https://www.anil.org/jeune-trouvez-logement-location/>

- **Student Cover France by SMERRA**

For over 40 years, SMERRA has been the French insurance provider specializing in the needs of students. With its Student Cover France plan, SMERRA supports international students coming to France to pursue their studies or complete an internship, whether for short- or long-term stays. Numerous partnerships have been established with schools and universities around the world.

<https://studentcoverfrance.com/fr/pack-logement>

- **Caracol - Shared Housing:**

Caracol applies its expertise to temporary housing projects focused on community-based living, creating favorable conditions for property owners, residents, and local communities alike.

<https://caracol-colocation.fr/contact/>

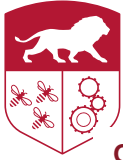
-  Facebook Group **Écully - Local Tips Shared by Residents**

You must become a member of the Facebook group.

Send a direct message to the group stating that you are a student at École Centrale de Lyon, looking for housing (a room or studio), and specify your budget.

- **CityKamp Dardilly:**

Camping de Lyon welcomes you year-round in a 6-hectare natural park, ideally located for exploring Lyon and the Beaujolais region...



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This CityKamp offers quality amenities to help you unwind after a busy day in the city.

Return to the campground's lush green setting and enjoy top-notch facilities: a bright, modern common area opening onto a beautiful terrace.

<https://www.camping-lyon.com/>

📍 Direct contact: Mr. Camille Di Sabatino – +33.07.75.67.23.20 camille.disabatino@hutoffopia.com

Housing Assistance Information

The **Family Allowance Fund (CAF)** provides financial assistance for housing, calculated based on the characteristics of the housing and the individual's financial situation. **Depending on eligibility**, international students may also qualify. Please check the requirements on the website.

<https://www.caf.fr/allocataires/aides-et-demarches/droits-et-prestations/logement/les-aides-personnelles-au-logement>

Public Transportation Information in Lyon – TCL Service

To help you with your search and identify neighborhoods in Lyon or Écully, you can visit the Lyon public transportation network (TCL) website:

<https://www.tcl.fr/>

The Ecole Centrale Ecully campus is about 20 minutes from downtown by bus, served by bus lines C6, 3, and 55.

Explore the interactive map and fares for the TCL network

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[The TCL interactive map](#)

[Maps in PDF format](#)