



France Housing Resource Guide for Atlantis Students in Lyon

Sometimes when studying abroad you must make arrangements to find your own accommodation. Students on the Atlantis program will need to arrange housing in France independently. Use the resources provided in this guide to reserve your own housing while studying at BBA INSEEC in Lyon, France.

Helpful Housing websites

Here are some student housing resources to check out – these are hyperlinked so click to go to each website:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StudyLease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studapart
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lokaviz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasmusu
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal Campus – Studio 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adele Student Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal Campus - Bakara 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyoncampus.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nestpick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence Le Michel Ange
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestetud - https://www.gestetud.fr/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nexity - https://www.nexity.fr/annonces-immobilieres/location/immobilier/tout/lyon+69
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appart'City - https://www.appartcity.com/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Les Estudiens: https://www.estudines.com/uk/student-housing-lyon/saxe-gambetta-residence

In addition, there are several ways to find an apartment in France. One way is to join a colocation ("coloc") with French people using websites like www.pap.fr/colocations , www.colocation.fr and www.chambrealouer.com . Another resource includes flatshares with [Chez Nestor by DoveVivo](#).

- seloger.com is another website of a French real estate broker that showcases apartments for rent.

- www.sabbaticalhomes.com . These are places that are usually owned by academics open to renting out spaces in their homes to students and visiting faculty.

When you are checking out apartments/rooms (especially things that are on the cheaper side), make sure to ask whether the toilet/the shower are in the apartment or "sur le palier"; whether there is an elevator (since it is likely that you will be living on a higher floor) and a kitchen (kitchenette) and a window. Also ask whether you can get **CAF (allocations familiales)** - usually, you can register to get about 100-200EUR in rent support from the French government. If the apartment is not CAF-eligible (i.e. you are paying cash) the rent should be 100-150EUR cheaper than the market price.

CAF and APL Housing Rebates

The state subsidized “Caisse d’Allocation Familiale” (CAF) provides rent rebates for all students regardless of their nationality or income, if their residency permit lasts more than four months. The CAF can reimburse up to half of the rent of your room or apartment. These rebates are called APL (Aide Personnalisée au Logement). If you choose to go with the public housing option, CROUS will further instruct you on what to do. “An APL can only be paid if the landlord has entered into agreement with the state to rent the apartment as subsidized housing. This agreement in particular sets the maximum rent the landlord can charge. The number of this agreement must appear on the rental contract: make sure it is before signing. If dealing with a private landlord, ask him if the apartment is indeed approved in the framework of a rental investment property. Some landlords confuse this subsidy system with the subsidized loans for resident owners. Note that most state-approved subsidized rental properties are managed by HLM (subsidized housing) offices, and that the most recent CROUS residences are subsidized. The APL is paid directly by the CAF to the landlord; the tenant only pays the landlord the remaining sum. Usually, APL applications are made by the tenant or the rental agency. Even if you are dealing with professionals, don’t forget that in the eyes of the CAF, the application falls under your responsibility. It is a good idea therefore to systematically check the contents of the application and most of all, make sure it is filed on time.”

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