STUDENT HOUSING AGREEMENT FOR LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO RESIDENCE LIFE 2017-18

Loyola University of Chicago (the “University”) seeks to provide on-campus living for students at a reasonable rate. The University operates housing and dining services on a full academic year contract basis.

A. HOUSING POLICY

All full-time first-year and second-year students over age 17 and under the age of 21 are required to live on campus and purchase a meal plan unless the student applies for and is granted an exemption from the University’s housing requirement by the Director of the University’s Department of Residence Life (“Residence Life”) or an authorized designee. A first-year student is defined as a student who is in his or her first year of college after high school. A second-year student is defined as a student who is in his or her second year of college after high school.

B. CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

The student or prospective student submitting the Residence Life Request for Housing (the “Request for Housing”) is referred to as a “Student”. If the Request for Housing is accepted by the University, the Request for Housing will automatically convert to this Student Housing Agreement between the University and the Student. This Student Housing Agreement grants the Student a limited license to use and occupy an assigned room under the terms and conditions stated in this Student Housing Agreement, without establishing a landlord/tenant relationship (and as such is not subject to the restrictions of the City of Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance) or vesting any property interests in the Student. Unless earlier terminated or released pursuant to this Student Housing Agreement, this Student Housing Agreement is for one academic year (fall and spring semesters), provided that if the Student is starting at Loyola in the spring semester, it is for the spring semester. By entering into this Student Housing Agreement, the Student agrees to make payment of all fees specified in the room and board rate sheet, to observe all rules and regulations of Residence Life and the University, and to honor the terms and conditions stated in this Student Housing Agreement. The Student is responsible for all provisions and regulations listed in the University’s Community Standards. No deletions or amendments to this Student Housing Agreement will be accepted without prior consent from Residence Life. In interpreting this Student Housing Agreement, the laws of the State of Illinois will apply.

The University recommends that the Student keep all records relating to this Student Housing Agreement and to print or download an electronic copy of his or her signed Student Housing Agreement.

C. ELIGIBILITY AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Students must be enrolled full-time in 12 or more hours for undergraduate students or six or more hours for graduate or professional students at the University in a degree program to be eligible for University housing. Continuing students not enrolled as full-time students on or before July 1, 2017, for fall semester, or December 31, 2017, for spring semester, may have their Student Housing Agreement canceled and their space reassigned.

Any student who is required to live on campus and who has not entered into an effective Student Housing Agreement with the University may be responsible for the cost of room and board if he or she has not been granted an exemption from the residency requirement by Residence Life. The residency requirement does not preclude the University from removing a student from the residence halls or terminating this Student Housing Agreement.

Students must turn 18 years of age on or before December 1, 2017, to be eligible for University housing. Applicants not meeting these requirements who wish to reside in on-campus housing must receive written permission from the Director of Residence Life (or an authorized designee) to live in on-campus housing. Students younger than this age who do not receive approval from the Director of Residence Life (or an authorized designee) to reside in on-campus housing must live off-campus with a parent or legal guardian.
Registered Sex Offenders are prohibited from living in the University's residence halls. Additionally, Registered Sex Offenders are prohibited from being within the living areas of the University's residence halls as a guest, volunteer, or any other capacity.

**D. APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The University agrees to reserve a housing space for a student who submits a Request for Housing, subject to the following conditions:

*New First-Year and Undergraduate Transfer Students to the Residence Halls*

New first-year and undergraduate transfer students are not subject to a housing prepayment, but must pay a $500 enrollment deposit to the University unless such enrollment deposit requirement is otherwise waived by the University. Building assignments typically will be e-mailed starting in mid-June. Specific room assignments typically will be e-mailed during late July. For students starting at Loyola in the spring semester, room assignments are typically made in mid-December. Priority is given to students who apply by the applicable priority deadlines set by University in its sole discretion.

*Returning Undergraduate Students to the Residence Halls and All Graduate and Professional Students in the Residence Halls*

For returning undergraduate students and all graduate or professional students, a housing prepayment of $500 must be paid to the University, unless such prepayment requirement is otherwise waived by the University. The University will not approve the Request for Housing or make any room assignment prior to receipt of the prepayment or approval of a prepayment waiver. Initial communication regarding room assignments will be e-mailed at the conclusion of the Room Reapplication Process in the spring semester and will continue on a rolling basis until the start of the fall semester.

If space in a University-owned housing facility is filled when the Request for Housing and applicable prepayment are received, the University may either maintain a deferred housing system (commonly referred to as a “wait list”) or accommodate the Student in either converted or temporary housing (see Section J below) or in off-campus space rented by the University for student housing. The University also reserves the right to decline to accept the Request for Housing.

**E. PAYMENT**

Students must pay all 2017-2018 room and board fees posted to their student accounts. The Student agrees to pay the applicable room rates, which are billed in two equal installments, one each academic semester, by the due dates established and announced by the University. **Except as otherwise provided by University policy, once the Student has checked in to his or her room, the Student is liable for the applicable room rate for the remainder of the academic year following check in, regardless of whether the Student remains in the residence halls for that period of time.**

For specifics regarding room rates, please refer to Residence Life’s website at http://luc.edu/reslife/roomboard. Inclusion of specific rate types for the buildings reflected through the link above should not be interpreted to mean all such rate and room types are available in each building for a given academic year.

The $500 returning undergraduate, graduate and professional student prepayment will be applied to the housing charges on the Student’s account during the first billing cycle of the fall term.

Additionally, the Student authorizes the University to post Residence Life charges directly to the Student’s account, including but not limited to housing costs, meal plan costs, fines for conduct violations, damage charges, lockout charges, and any other associated housing fees. The Student should contact Residence Life directly for a description of charges.
Payment of these fees is subject to all established policies of the University’s Office of the Bursar (http://www.luc.edu/bursar/policies.shtml), and the Student understands and agrees to such policies and accepts these terms as the Student’s personal responsibility for any debt arising in connection with this Student Housing Agreement.

F. REFUND AND FORFEITURE POLICY

The $500 housing prepayment for returning undergraduate, graduate and professional students will be refunded only if residency cannot be provided by the University by the first day of the term.

In the event the Student is removed from the residence halls for student conduct and/or disciplinary reasons, the Student will remain fully responsible for all room and board charges and fees for the remainder of the academic year following removal.

G. ASSIGNMENT POLICY

The University administers decisions regarding room assignments without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sexual or political orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status or other protected status. The University will make reasonable accommodations in housing for students with disabilities. Students who may require an accommodation in housing should notify Services for Students with Disability (“SSWD”) in the Sullivan Center for Student Services at 773-508-3700 in a timely manner. SSWD will then contact Residence Life regarding any appropriate accommodation. Students should request these accommodations prior to their priority application deadline.

The University reserves the right to determine room assignments, and to change the Student’s room assignment for reasons determined necessary by the University.

The inability to honor assignment preferences will not void this Student Housing Agreement. The University reserves the right to change room assignments and occupancy levels or to terminate or refuse to accept a Student Housing Agreement, in the interest of health, discipline, housing needs or the welfare of the Student and/or other students. Residents who occupy a residential housing room or apartment below the designated capacity may be assigned additional roommates, if available, or may be moved to fill other vacancies, as determined by the University in its sole discretion, and the University also reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to add additional occupants to units on a temporary basis in the case of a campus emergency (e.g. fire or flooding) (see Section J below). The Student may not transfer his or her right to occupy a residence hall room to anyone else and may not sublet any part of the premises.

Single room assignments in double occupancy rooms are available only when space permits. Single room assignments cannot be guaranteed prior to the beginning of the semester.

It is the policy of the University to give preference in housing assignments to students who reside outside the greater Chicago area. In accordance with this policy, the University reserves the right to cancel this Student Housing Agreement prior to the published date for residence hall opening in the fall or spring semesters where this Student Housing Agreement has been entered into with a student who resides within the greater Chicago area. The cancellation of this Student Housing Agreement, notification of cancellation, establishment of priorities to regain residence, definition of the greater Chicago area, and other matters are governed by established procedures that are available upon request and this Student Housing Agreement.

Any room assignment not claimed by 12:00 noon of the second day of classes in a semester may be reassigned as needed. In such event, the Student originally assigned to that room may continue to be charged for the room. If the Student continues to seek a room assignment after that time, a different room assignment may be determined by the University based upon the remaining room options available, if any.
H. OCCUPANCY

The Student agrees to occupy an assigned room in one of the University’s student residence halls or apartments for the 2017-2018 academic year. The University agrees to permit the Student’s occupancy in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Student Housing Agreement. The Student’s occupancy begins on the earlier of: (a) the Student’s first date of approved occupancy; (b) August 28, 2017 for undergraduate programs that run on semesters; or (c) August 22, 2017 for professional and graduate programs that run on quarters. The Student’s occupancy ends, and the Student must vacate the residence hall, within 24 hours after the Student’s last final exam, but no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, May 7, 2018. Actual move-in dates and times are assigned by Residence Life and sent via the student’s official University email account. Extended move-out dates are available for approved groups (e.g. summer school participants, graduating students, etc.).

The Student must vacate the residence hall for winter break by the end of 24 hours after the Student’s last final exam, but no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 17, 2017. The residence halls will re-open for occupancy at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Students living in Baumhart are not required to vacate the residence halls over winter break. For students living in Bellarmine, de Nobili, Fordham or Santa Clara, optional winter break housing may be available for a fee, as determined by the University in its sole discretion.

The University reserves the right to close the residence halls during the University’s spring break and may require all students to vacate the halls for all or part of the break.

I. STUDENT REQUESTS FOR RELEASE FROM THIS STUDENT HOUSING AGREEMENT

Students may request a release from this Student Housing Agreement without penalty (with the exception of any applicable prepayment or deposit) within the following timeframes:

First-year Students: Any time prior to May 1, 2017.

Undergraduate Transfer Students: Within 15 calendar days from the written notification of assignment or the “Occupancy Begins” date as established in Section H above, whichever comes first (written communication may be electronic or paper).

Returning Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Students: Within 15 calendar days from receipt of assignment confirmation or the “Occupancy Begins” date as established in Section H above, whichever comes first (written confirmation may be electronic or paper).

Students may request a release from this Student Housing Agreement during such timeframe by completing the online Request for Release form online at http://www.luc.edu/eRelease. No verbal notices or notices sent to any other departments serve as a valid Request for Release from this Student Housing Agreement. If the aforementioned timeframes are not met, this Student Housing Agreement becomes a binding agreement which may not be disregarded by the Student and will continue to be effective unless the Student is granted a written release by Residence Life.

Requests for Release from this Student Housing Agreement may be secured from Residence Life. Failure to occupy an assigned space, changing from full-time to part-time status or achieving junior academic status does not negate this Student Housing Agreement. If the Student changes from full-time to part-time status, the Student must request and receive permission from the Director of Residence Life (or an authorized designee) to remain in the residence halls. If the Student is released from this Student Housing Agreement, room charges will be charged until the Student has vacated his or her room. This Student Housing Agreement may be terminated by the University at any time in accordance with the University’s Community Standards or as set forth in this Student Housing Agreement.
J. CONVERTED AND TEMPORARY HOUSING

The demand for campus housing often exceeds supply. In an effort to provide housing to as many students as possible, some confirmed residents may be placed in converted spaces or may be assigned to a temporary housing space. Converted spaces are regular residential spaces that have been converted from a double occupancy or triple occupancy space, to triple occupancy or quadruple occupancy space. Temporary spaces are (1) study lounges located within the residence halls that have been furnished as a two or three person residential room, (2) residential spaces on campus that are held in reserve for emergency use, and (3) residential spaces on campus where additional furnishing are added on a temporary basis. All residents in a converted space will receive a 20 percent housing credit. If occupancy of a converted space returns to the original designated capacity, the 20 percent credit will cease. A 20 percent credit will be given to residents of temporary spaces until they are relocated to a permanent residential space. Once the resident in a temporary space is assigned to a permanent space, they will be required to move and be charged the full, pro-rated amount for the new space, and the 20 percent credit will cease. This credit does not apply to suitemates or meal plans, or to a reassignment to a temporary space for emergency/conduct purposes. The University reserves the right to make all decisions relating to converted and temporary housing.

K. MEAL PLAN

All undergraduate students residing in University housing are required to have a meal plan. A first-year or second-year student, as defined by this Student Housing Agreement, is required to choose an all access meal plan. A first-year or second-year student who does not select a meal plan will be assigned the Five Day All-Access Plan plus $250 declining balance per semester meal plan. A student in his or her third year and above who does not choose a meal plan will be assigned the $795 declining balance meal plan. Meal plans are not transferable. More information about food service availability, dining options, and meal plans is available at: www.luc.edu/dining. The University reserves the right to change food service options.

L. LIABILITY AND DAMAGE

The Student is responsible in full for any damage to or loss of his or her property, including money, personal belongings, computers and electronics, or other items of value, located in or on the University’s premises. The University disclaims any and all liability for damage to or loss of the Student’s property. Students, at their own expense, are encouraged to hold renter’s insurance.

The Student is responsible for, and will be charged the costs of replacement and/or repair of, any and all damage that occurs in his or her unit, regardless of whom or what caused the damage (other than damage caused exclusively by a failure in a mechanical or plumbing system of the University). The Student is also responsible for, and will be charged the costs of replacement and/or repair of, any and all damage he or she may cause (alone or with others) to any other area of the residence hall or the University.

The Student agrees that he or she shall be responsible for any malicious damage which occurs to any common area of the residence hall when the University is unable to determine the person who is at fault. The Student will be charged for the cost of repairing the damage as determined by the University. The total costs for repairs will be divided equally among all members of the applicable community, as determined by the University.

The Student agrees to be responsible for the conduct of any guests who are in the residence hall at the invitation or permission of the Student.

If the Student is assessed charges pursuant to Section E above, the Student agrees that the University has the right, at its discretion, to either issue an invoice to the Student for the costs or offset the costs against any amounts the University may owe the Student.
M. RIGHT OF ENTRY

Authorized University representatives may enter the residence halls and the Student’s unit at any time without prior notice, after knocking and announcing their presence, for the purposes of: (1) making necessary or agreed-upon repairs; (2) supplying necessary or agreed-upon services; (3) investigating health or safety concerns, or suspected violations of housing and other University policies (including, but not limited to, violations of firearm/weapons policies or drug, tobacco, and alcohol use policies); (4) verifying occupancy; (5) conducting inventories of University property; and (6) conducting facility inspections. Authorized University representatives may search for and confiscate items that are in violation of University, federal, state or municipal regulations. The Student will be informed promptly after such an entry is made and advised if authorized University representatives have discovered any violations.

N. TERMINATION

The University reserves the right to terminate this Student Housing Agreement and the Student’s residency because of improper or unsafe conduct by the Student or failure of the Student to comply with any term or condition of this Student Housing Agreement, including but not limited to the failure to comply with University policies and applicable law. The University’s termination of this Student Housing Agreement does not relieve the Student’s obligation to pay the room rate for the full Academic Year. If the Student withdraws from the University, this Student Housing Agreement will terminate and eligibility for any refund will be determined by the University’s refund policy and after the consideration of student conduct proceedings and/or sanctions, if applicable. The Student shall vacate the residence hall within 72 hours of actual withdrawal (i.e., no registration for any classes) unless otherwise approved by Residence Life.

O. STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The University admits students without regard to their race, color, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, military discharge or status, marital status, parental status, or any other protected status to all the rights, privileges, programs, and other activities generally accorded or made available to students at the University. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, military discharge or status, marital status, parental status, or any other protected status in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other University administered programs.

Otherwise qualified persons are not subject to discrimination on the basis of disability.

All University policies, practices and procedures are administered in a manner consistent with the University's Catholic and Jesuit identity and character.

P. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND APPLICABLE LAW

The Student acknowledges that he or she is aware that the University has a number of policies that relate to and govern student conduct. Those policies are contained in several different documents, including, but not limited to, the University’s Community Standards; the University’s Code of Student Conduct; the Undergraduate Studies Catalog; and the University’s Course Catalogue. At all times, the Student is responsible for accessing on-line the most up-to-date version of such University policies. Policies posted on-line are the most current versions and are intended to supersede prior on-line versions and hard copies. The Student agrees to become familiar with these documents and policies and to comply with the obligations set forth in these publications and in other University policy statements that pertain to students or student conduct or activities, as they may be amended from time to time. Students are also required to comply with the laws of the United States, the State of Illinois, and all ordinances and regulations of the City of Chicago. Violations of University policies during the winter break period are treated as spring semester violations.
Q. CERTIFICATION

By electronically submitting the Request for Housing, I certify and understand that: (a) I have read and understood the terms and conditions of this Student Housing Agreement; (b) if the Request for Housing is accepted by the University, the Request for Housing will automatically convert to this Student Housing Agreement; (c) this Student Housing Agreement will be a legally binding contract; (d) I agree to be bound by the provisions of this Student Housing Agreement; and (e) I am committing to the terms and conditions set forth therein as if I had signed this Student Housing Agreement between the University and me in my own hand.

I understand that if I am a minor (under 18 years of age), my parent or guardian must also read and agree to the following statement:

When I(We) click the “I(We) Agree” box below, I(We) attach my(our) electronic signature(s) to, and agree to be bound by, the terms and conditions of this Student Housing Agreement.

I(We) Agree