

University Housing Gender-Inclusive Housing Policy

Overview:

“The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a public university committed to providing a quality education to a diverse student body. One aspect of this commitment is to foster a climate of inclusion and mutual support that will enhance our ability to achieve our overall goals of recruiting and retaining good faculty and staff while allowing all of us to focus our energies and talents on our important missions of education, research and service. To this end, **it is the policy of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln not to discriminate based upon age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, gender-identity, sex, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran’s status, marital status, religion or political affiliation.** This policy is applicable to all University administered programs including educational programs, financial aid, admission policies and employment policies.” *

Each member of the UNL community bears a responsibility to ensure that all students can benefit from a safe, inclusive experience while at UNL. Not all students’ gender identities or expressions of gender fall into traditional binary gender categories. A “Gender-Inclusive Housing” (GIH) option is proposed to provide an alternative to traditional housing assignments.

Policy:

Any student who identifies as LGBT+ is eligible to live in GIH. University Housing will identify a limited number of units in suite-style and apartment-style housing to be available for GIH. These units will be held at least through the end of New Student Enrollment. Students assigned to a unit may be of varying class standing and may be a combination of new and returning students. Aside from the special assignment policies, all other University Housing policies will apply.

The process for students applying to GIH is:

- Interested students will provide basic student information including a contact email address and phone number.
- The Assistant Director of Residence Life for Student Leadership and Diversity Initiatives (ADRLSLDI) will contact the student to discuss individual needs and preferences.
- A hall and room assignment will be communicated to the student, as well as any roommate contact information.
- The ADRLSLDI will advise other Housing staff members of the assignments.

Website Information:

As noted in University Housing’s mission statement, our commitment is to “Provide an exceptional student living and learning experience.” Inherent in this mission is fostering student inclusion and safety to help maximize student potential. Gender-Inclusive Housing (GIH) offers students support by allowing students who identify on the LGBT+ spectrum to live together. GIH is generally offered in suite-style and apartment-style housing.

Any student interested in GIH is encouraged to contact Melissa Peters, Assistant Director of Residence Life for Student Leadership and Diversity Initiatives at mpeters2@unl.edu or by phone at (402) 472-3872 for assistance. Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Students may also wish to contact the LGBTQA+ Resource Center at (402) 472-1652 for information about support and services available to students.

* University of Nebraska-Lincoln non-discrimination statement found at <http://www.unl.edu/equity/NonDiscrimination.htm>



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University Housing Gender Inclusive Housing Interest Form

Student Information

Name (First, Last): _____

Preferred Name (First, Last): _____

NU ID: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Class Standing: (Please Circle) FR SO JR SR GRD

College Credit Hours Completed (As of Application Date): _____

Space Preferred (rank preferences, space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis):

Suite-Style Hall

_____ Private (single bed and bath)

_____ Single Bedroom (4 people, 4 bedrooms)

Apartment-Style Hall (Upperclass Students)

_____ 2 Person Apartment (single bedroom)

*Information about cost is available at go.unl.edu/billingplans