

Looking for Fall Housing Faculty / Staff

Start looking for housing **3-4 weeks in advance** of your ideal move-in date. Landlords generally do not know if their rental will be available until the tenant gives them a 30-day notice to vacate. Consequently, many properties available after September 1st will not be advertised until August. Many tenants move on the first of the month so you may need to begin paying rent on the first even if you do not require housing until mid-month. Look for the date of availability on the listings posted in the Community Rentals Office registry, accessible on our web site. Assume ads posted with other sources are available to be rented immediately or within the month, unless stated otherwise.

What can I do before August?

Prepare a Rental Packet: It is important to make a good impression with landlords, especially in a competitive housing market. Even as the market changes, there is always competition for the best rentals. Check out the [Rental Application Packet Checklist](#) on our **Rental Forms and Resources** page and start working on yours.

Educate yourself: Current rental listings, the [Rental Cost Statistics](#), an abbreviated list of our current rentals (go to <http://housing.ucsc.edu/cro/post.html>, click on the blue button **Post Your Rental Here** and on the left-hand side of the next page, click on the selection **View Rental List**), and other resources are available on our website to help you familiarize yourself with the rental market. This will give you a good idea of what you can actually get for your money, what a fair value is, and which rentals you can pass up. Assess your needs. Consider the location, price, and which features you value most so that you can act quickly when the right place comes along.