Allocation Policy (Returning Students)

The following criteria are considered when allocating accommodation to returning students:

Priority Groups:

1. Students for who specialised facilities have to be arranged e.g. Disabled Students
2. Students who play an active role in the life of a hall, defined as the Senior Student, Deputy, Treasurer and Secretary of each Hall Committee, plus up to an additional 10 students (15 at DRA) who have been deemed by the Warden to play an active role in residential life. In the event that the students in the defined committee roles are final years so cannot reapply, or have chosen not to reapply the Warden can nominate an alternative student for each place.
3. Students who are currently on a study abroad. This group of students should make this information known to us by adding to the notes field on the application form.
4. Students who are currently on a Leave of absence who intend to return in September 2017.
5. Students who are in receipt of the accommodation award for 2017-2018 are guaranteed accommodation but must apply for accommodation online and note “Accommodation Award” in the special requirements section. The accommodation award is not valid for Albany Park.

Excluded Groups:

1. Students who have been evicted from any University accommodation or have received a written warning that has stated that they will not be eligible to reapply for University accommodation.
2. Students with long standing arrears of residence fees.

The number of places allocated to returning students is limited and takes into account the number of single entrant students predicted and who are guaranteed a residential place. Despite the problems created by some returning students applying for University accommodation when they are intent on taking up places within the private sector, this practice still persists. In the past few years once the number of students holding dual offers, University and private sector, withdraw the availability of University accommodation broadly matches the number of applicants, albeit not always meeting first preferences. For this reason we would wish to reassure current residents that if it is their intention to be allocated University accommodation for September 2017, they have a very good chance of success. For some this may be a two stage process awaiting the release of places by those students holding dual offers. We intend to offer a similar number of places (c.970) to returning students as were allocated last year.

Student Accommodation Services will prioritise/exclude the groups defined above. Thereafter priority will be given to students who are currently resident within University owned or managed accommodation and in the event that applications exceed room availability, a ballot of all remaining students will be undertaken.