

Dear student,

Studying a semester or a full year in Amsterdam is an unforgettable experience. Given this fact, a good place to live is essential. We would like to inform you about the room reservation procedure of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS/HvA).

The UvA/HvA provides international students with student rooms in the city of Amsterdam and its surrounding area. The UvA/HvA offers various kinds of rooms, including shared rooms, private rooms with shared facilities and private rooms with private facilities. The rental prices range from approximately €1900 to €3000 per semester (5 months), depending on room type and location. The UvA/HvA is able to provide this service through close cooperation with housing corporations 'De Key', 'DUWO' and 'Ymere'. (Most rooms will be rented out by housing corporation De Key).

The UvA/HvA uses an online application system called 'Embark' to process all applications for student accommodation. Once you have been admitted to a program at the UvA/HvA, you will receive an email with a link to this online application. You can expect this email in the beginning of November when you plan to start your study at the UvA/HvA in February and mid-May when you will start in September (if you are admitted after November or May this email will follow as soon as possible).

Students renting accommodation through the UvA/HvA will be charged a fee. For one semester the UvA/HvA fee is **€265 - €315**, for two semesters or a full year the UvA/HvA fee is **€450 - €525**. This fee is non-refundable. This fee is required to cover the UvA's/HvA's expenses related to providing the housing service to international students. Applications can therefore only be submitted after paying the UvA/HvA fee by credit card. During the online application, you will automatically be informed about the payment procedure.

If you currently do not have a credit card, it is necessary to acquire one in order to complete the payment (please note that the payment cannot be executed with a debit card). If you do not have a credit card, you may use the credit card of a relative or friend.

After submitting your online housing application your name will be put forward to the housing corporation. You will receive a room offer by email from the housing corporation when a room is reserved for you. You can expect the room offer from De Key, DUWO or Ymere between the between the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and the 15<sup>th</sup> of January if you start your study in February and 1<sup>st</sup> of July and the 8<sup>th</sup> of August if you start your study in September.

After accepting the room offer you will need to pay the following to the housing corporation:  
**1. Administration fee:** Housing corporations require tenants to pay an administration fee to cover all the extra costs that are made for renting to international students and providing customized services tailored to the tenants' needs.

De Key:	€150,00
DUWO:	€150,00
Ymere:	€40,00

**2. Deposit**

De Key:	One month's rent
Ymere:	€600,00

**3. Rent**

DUWO:	Approximately the first one and a half month + the last one and a half month depending on you start and end date.
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De Key: Tenants need to pay the first month's rent upon arrival.  
Ymere: Tenants need to pay the first month's rent upon arrival

Only after the housing corporation has received your first payment, your room reservation is confirmed. Payment details will be explained in the room offer. You will have to send proof of payment to the housing corporation.

We kindly ask for your patience during the room reservation procedure. After submitting the online application, please do not email your housing questions until you have received the room offer from the housing corporation. This email from the housing corporation contains all the information about the room offer. For additional information on student accommodation in Amsterdam, please visit our website:

<http://www.international.hva.nl/study/student-housing-amsterdam>

Kind regards,

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