

You have indicated that you would like assistance with finding a temporary home for your stay in Berkeley. Visitor Services Coordinator Doro Unger-Lee will be your point of contact at the Simons Institute for your housing needs. You may contact her with questions at any time at doro@berkeley.edu or via phone at +1 (510) 664-9852. Please find below a list of tips for your housing search.

10 Tips for your search:

1. In your first email to landlords from our recommended list, please make sure to let them know that you will be a visitor at our institute and put “[Simons Institute Inquiry](#)” in the subject line. This way you can ensure that your inquiry will receive preferred treatment.
2. Please note that if you find an available rental that you like, you should [act quickly](#). Rentals go fast in Berkeley!
3. Landlords require [a security and/or damage deposit](#) to reserve and protect the rental. Please contact them directly to find out how you can transfer the deposit before your arrival and what their policy is on returning the deposit.
4. Most landlords accept account transfers (‘wire transfers’) for the payment of the deposit. These transfers might cause fees for you and the landlord. Please discuss this with the landlord directly. Often landlords also accept Paypal payments, cashier’s checks, or money orders, which can come with a smaller fee than wire transfers.
5. Some rentals include a [cleaning service](#). You can coordinate with the landlord when the cleaning personnel can enter the rental.
6. [Smoking](#): All short-term and long-term rentals are non-smoking. Smoking is not only prohibited in the rental itself, but also on the entire property.
7. [Pets](#): Most Berkeley rentals do not allow for pets on the premises. If they do, an additional pet deposit might be required.
8. While we will be happy to assist you with housing research and communication with potential landlords, we cannot sign any rental agreements for you. The rental agreement will be between you and the landlord.
9. The Institute is unable to make deposit and rent payments for you.
10. Can’t find anything suitable and/or available on our list of recommended rentals? Please contact me as soon as possible so we can discuss possible alternatives.