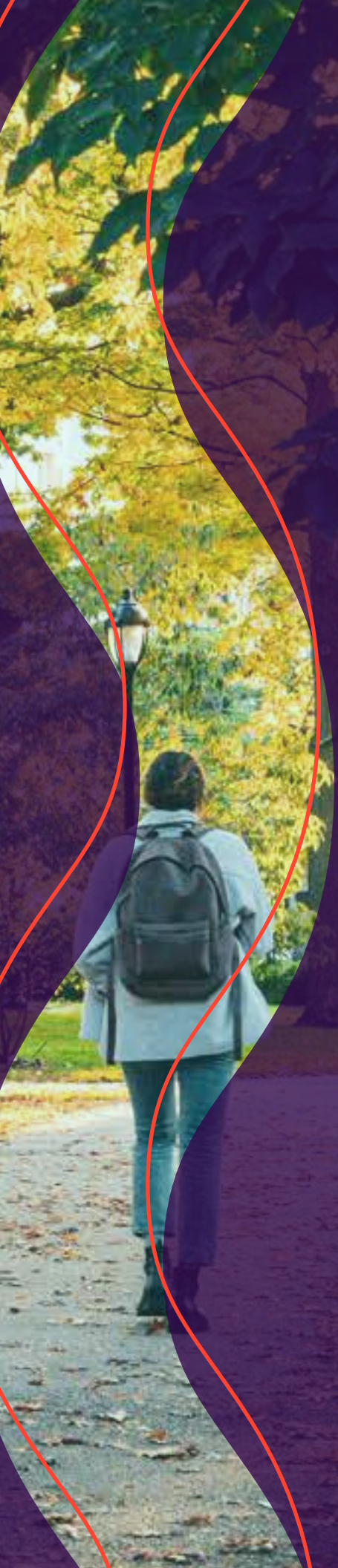


HOW TO MOVE OFF-CAMPUS

(International Students)

BEFORE YOU START YOUR SEARCH

As an international student, you may need to supply information demonstrating ability to pay. Consider:

1. Gathering documentation like your I-20, bank statements, or pay stubs to share.
2. Obtaining a letter of employment if you have a job.
3. Finding options for a co-signer, should you need one.

THINK ABOUT YOUR BUDGET

- Rent and deposit amount
- Cost of monthly utilities
- Find roommates with a similar budget
- Can you afford to furnish it?
- How do you plan to eat?
- How do you plan to divide the rent?

YOUR NEEDS AND WANTS

- Make a list of must-haves, as well as a list of nice-to-haves.
- Few housing options will have everything you need or want, so prepare to prioritize.
- What's important to you? A nice backyard? A dishwasher? A big bedroom, or a big living room?

LOCATION

- How far do you want to live from campus?
- What are your transportation options, including public transport?
- Pick some neighborhoods to explore and consider before looking at places.

FIND YOUR PERFECT PLACE

- Find rentals at the Off-Campus housing website for listings
- Attend the OCL's Fall and Spring virtual Housing Fairs

ASK YOUR HOUSING PROVIDER

- Is there parking?
- Which utilities are included in the rent?
- Who are the neighbors?
- Will your landlord take care of repairs and maintenance promptly?
- View page 2 for questions to ask your housing provider.

UNDERSTAND YOUR LEASE

- Read your lease carefully, and prepare a list of things you'd like to understand better.
- Compare your lease to Chicago or Evanston's landlord-tenant ordinance summary, which puts the law in plain language.
- Want to learn more about your lease? Try OCL's lease review document.
- The resources noted here can be found at here.

STAY INVOLVED

- Check Northwestern calendar of events planitpurple.northwestern.edu
- Follow @northwestern_loc on Instagram
- Don't miss events for off-campus students on northwestern.edu/offcampus

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