The Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is situated on U.S. Department of Energy lands which are about 10 miles from the town of Oak Ridge, and about 13 miles from Interstates 40/75 in West Knoxville. A car is recommended as public transportation to/from ORNL is not available.

Finding safe and affordable housing will require your attention immediately upon selection into the program. If you are appointed for a shorter period of time (under one year) or are appointed for the summer period (May to August), it is important that you start your search as early as possible. There is a higher demand for short-term housing and options can be limited for the summer months.

Below you will find general guidance to start you with your housing search. This is by no means an all-inclusive list of options. You must evaluate your housing options carefully as not all may meet your specific needs. This guide does not replace the Intern Housing resource that may be sent to non-local interns based on the guidelines of your program. Refer to your appointment letter to determine if you will also receive this additional resource.

**Beginning Your Search**
- Use your networks
  - Check with your college/university to see if they have an alumni chapter in the area. Local alumni chapters can be a good source of housing information.
  - Check with your friends and family.
- Check with your mentor to get insight on a particular location.

**General Research Advice**
You should always consider safety and budget as part of your housing search. Short-term housing is normally more expensive than the standard one-year lease. Check your appointment letter or with ORISE to see if you are eligible to receive an allowance to help offset a portion of your housing costs. Having this information upfront will assist you with your planning. When renting, consider the following:

**Safety**
- Safety of the neighborhood-references, postings, and police reports, etc.
- Safety of the building and apartment – security, deadbolts, fire alarms, etc.
- Check references and postings online about the housing you are considering and ask previous interns if they would recommend an apartment complex on the ORNL Interns page on Facebook.

**Costs**
- Is a short-term lease available?
- Which utilities, such as gas, water, and electricity are included in your rent? If not, on average, how much are the utilities per month?
- How much money is required to move in; security deposit, first/last month’s rent?
- Are references and a credit check required? Be sure to allow time for this by choosing your apartment as soon as possible.
- Be sure that you have a written agreement clearly stating all expectations/requirements by both parties and have it reviewed by an attorney as needed.
- Ask to see if there are any discounts available to ORNL interns.
- Traveling with pets, children or a partner may increase your costs.
- Consider your costs for daily transportation to/from ORNL and on evenings and weekends.
Amenities/Proximity

- Are there laundry facilities available? If not, are there any nearby?
- Is the apartment furnished? Will you need to bring cookware, utensils, or linens?
- Is it in close proximity to restaurants, grocery stores, shopping areas, etc.?
- Is there adequate and safe parking?
- Does it offer other amenities such as a fitness room, pool, walking trails, organized social events, etc.?
- Are there other interns who will be living there? You can always ask at ORNL Interns page on Facebook.

Roommate Considerations

As a way to manage your costs, you may want to consider having a roommate. This also makes commuting more convenient if you choose to carpool.

Questions to ask a potential roommate

- Do you smoke? If your answers do not match, can a compromise be reached (i.e. no smoking indoors but okay on balcony/patio)?
- Are you a night owl or an early riser? If your preferences do not match, perhaps quiet hours can be set at a mutually agreeable time.
- Are you generally neat or messy?
- Consider other questions based on what may be important for you.

Suggestions for living with roommates

- Establish house rules within first week. Consider a written agreement that all sign and can refer to later.
- Set a schedule for cleaning duties of common areas.
- Discuss cooking and food sharing.
- Discuss parameters surrounding guests: family, friends, overnight.
- Communication and respect is critical.

Apartment/Housing Resources – Oak Ridge and Knoxville, TN areas

Below are various resources to help you identify housing during your appointment. This is not a comprehensive list. ORISE is not affiliated with these companies and does not review or approve any of the websites, listings, or potential roommates you may find. Inclusion of a listing in this guide does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by ORISE, ORAU, DOE, ORNL, or UT-Battelle. You should use the same degree of care in selecting housing and/or a roommate that you would use in any other circumstance. All listings will have different requirements for minimum leases, so be sure that you verify as you make your decision. The information is always subject to change and we strongly advise you to call and verify all information provided.

Websites:

- www.apartmentratings.com
- www.oakridger.com
- www.apartmentguide.com
- www.apartmenthomeliving.com
- www.knoxvilleapartmentguide.com
- www.knoxcorporateapts.com
- www.knoxnews.com
- www.apartments.com
- www.knoxvillechamber.com
- www.andersoncountychamber.org
- www.oakridgechamber.org
- www.loudounchamber.org/Home

Apartment services:

- Apartment Finders Inc.  (865) 693-3300
- Apartment Finding & Rental Service  (865) 588-3400
- Apartment Guide  (865) 584-0085
- Apartment Locators  (865) 560-9194
- Corporate Quarters (featuring furnished housing)  (865) 675-3146
ORNL Guest House:
The ORNL Guest House is located on the ORNL campus and is a short walk away from the Spallation Neutron Source and within a five-minute drive of the rest of ORNL. The Guest House is a three-story, 47-room, 71 bed facility and all rooms have a mini-fridge, microwave, and high speed wireless internet access. Vending machines are available and a hot breakfast is offered. Additional dining options are limited unless you will be leaving the ORNL campus (personal vehicle required). Reservations can be made by calling 865-576-8101 or you can visit the website.

ORNL Academic/Student Guest House Rates are $74 to $89 per night (subject to change) plus tax and availability is limited. A minimum number of nights may be required for the academic/student rate.

University of Tennessee – Knoxville (UTK) Summer Housing – On Campus - CLOSED FOR 2017
UTK offers summer housing and several “extras” for ORNL undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates. Housing contracts can start as early as May 31 and end no later than August 4. Departures up until August 11 can be requested but may not be approved. Please be sure that your appointment dates fit within this time frame if you choose to use this housing option. Rates, full guidelines, and details are located at Summer Research Housing at UTK. The HERE and NESLS programs may allow ORNL participants who receive a weekly housing allowance of $150 to request that allowance paid directly to UT by ORISE. You must check with your ORISE contact first and then notify UT and ORISE (if allowed) and you are choosing that option. A daily shuttle will also be offered from UTK to ORNL. Be aware that the UTK campus is approximately 20 miles from ORNL and the commute to ORNL can take at least 30-45 minutes. To sign up or for additional information, complete the form at the link above.

University of Tennessee – Knoxville (UTK) Off-Campus Housing:
UTK provides an off-campus housing resource for the usage of its students. ORISE participants can search the site for more information on housing options in the Knoxville area. As this resource is designed for UTK students, many of the listings may not be available during the summer or during your appointment dates. Locations will vary but be aware that the UTK campus is approximately 20 miles from ORNL and the commute to ORNL can take at least 30 – 45 minutes. If the housing is in the UTK area, you may be able to ride the shuttle mentioned above.

Apartment complexes by location:

**Oak Ridge**

Bristol Park Apartments – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
790 Emory Valley Road .............................................................................................................................. (865) 483-4008

Centennial Village – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
180 Waterview Drive ................................................................................................................................. (865) 481-0886

Tara Hills Apartments – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
101 Elmhurst Drive .................................................................................................................................... (865) 483-5564

Westgate Lodging – Leasing length varies.
101 Gates Drive ......................................................................................................................................... (865) 481-0603

**Clinton**

Carriage Hill & Carriage Trace Apartments – Offers 12 month lease only.
301 Carriage Drive .................................................................................................................................... (865) 457-4564

Willow Run Apartments – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
517 Douglas Lane ..................................................................................................................................... (865) 457-8066

**Knoxville**

Amberleigh Bluff – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
350 Amberleigh Bluff Way .......................................................................................................................... (865) 357-7753
Barclay House Apartments – Offers 12 month lease only.
1631 Laurel Avenue ................................................................................................................................. (865) 522-6987

Bell Walker’s Crossing – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
8301 Block House Way ................................................................................................................................. (865) 670-8836

Brendon Park Apartments – Offers leasing from 6 months to 15 months.
9123 Grayland Drive ................................................................................................................................... (865) 693-0282

Briarcliff at West Hills – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months.
505 Buckeye Drive ........................................................................................................................................ (865) 693-2932

Churchill Downs – Offers leasing from 9 months to 12 months.
1522 Secretariat Boulevard .......................................................................................................................... (865) 691-3678

Copper Pointe – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
401 South Gallaher View Road .................................................................................................................... (865) 690-7940

Country Club – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
401 South Gallaher View Road .................................................................................................................... (865) 693-5701

Crestridge – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months.
800 Longview Road ........................................................................................................................................ (865) 551-6937

Cross Creek – Offers 12 month lease only.
5000 Western Avenue ................................................................................................................................... (865) 584-4624

Emerald Woods – Offers 12 month lease only.
9400 Havenbrooke Way ................................................................................................................................. (865) 357-6200

The Enclave of Hardin Valley Apartments – Offers leasing from 6 months to 18 months.
9706 Smoky Ridge Way ................................................................................................................................. (865) 249-7656

Fox Lake – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
505 Fox Crossing Way ................................................................................................................................... (865) 531-6100

Greenbrier Ridge – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
1505 Greenbrier Ridge ................................................................................................................................ (865) 584-8981

Greystone Summit – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
2531 Oleander Way ........................................................................................................................................ (865) 357-5700

Greystone Vista – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
2111 Greystone Vista Way ............................................................................................................................ (865) 690-7762

The Grove at Deane Hill – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
520 Windview Way ......................................................................................................................................... (865) 769-3900

The Hammond – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
4619 Sunflower Road .................................................................................................................................... (865) 622-3871

Heritage Lake at Westland – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
1105 Lake Heritage Way ................................................................................................................................. (865) 966-9997

The Hive – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
1316 Bridge Avenue Southwest .................................................................................................................... (865) 637-3444

Keystone Creek – Offers 12 month lease only.
3910 Middlebrook Pike ................................................................................................................................ (865) 522-5815

Kingston Pointe Apartments – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
6315 Kingston Pike ......................................................................................................................................... (865) 584-5921

Lovell Center – Offers 12 month lease only.
10408 Lovell Center Drive ............................................................................................................................. (865) 363-4330

Lovell Crossing – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
1300 Lovell Crossing Way ............................................................................................................................... (865) 539-9130

Manor View - Offers leasing from 3 months to 13 months.
500 Manor View Drive ..................................................................................................................................... (865) 690-9444

The Metropolitan – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months
790 North Cedar Bluff Road ............................................................................................................................. (865) 551-6037
Papermill Square
3820 Papermill Square Road .................................................................................................................... (865) 312-7970

The Preserve at Hardin Valley – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
2310 Yellow Birch Way ............................................................................................................................. (865) 789-2310

The Reserve at Westland – Offers leasing from 9 months to 12 months.
8700 Hopemont Way ............................................................................................................................. (865) 622-3783

Ridgedale Townhomes – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
2728 Sood Road.......................................................................................................................... (865) 690-1425

Sequoyah Village Apartments – Offers 12 month leasing only.
3708 Keowee Avenue, SW ...................................................................................................................... (865) 523-1617

Sutter’s Mill – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
1101 Sutter’s Mill Lane ........................................................................................................................... (865) 238-2249

Vierra Cedar Bluff – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
424 Cedar Bluff Way ............................................................................................................................. (865) 312-6956

The Villas at Londontown – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months. No 9 month lease.
820 Londontown Way .............................................................................................................................. (865) 584-0771

The Vue At Ridge Way – Offers 12 month leasing only.
1201 Vista Ridge Way ............................................................................................................................. (865) 212-3876

Walden Legacy – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
1261 Walden Legacy Way ........................................................................................................................ (865) 312-7750

Walker Springs – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
721 Walker Springs Road ........................................................................................................................ (865) 693-7470

Waterford Village – Offers leasing from 3 months to 15 months.
5201 Western Avenue ............................................................................................................................. (865) 312-7269

Wellsley Park at Deane Hill – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
7300 Sir Walter Way ............................................................................................................................... (865) 221-7930

West Gate Terrace – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
801 Gate Lane ........................................................................................................................................... (865) 584-9651

West Hills Village – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
3100 Lake Brooke Boulevard ................................................................................................................... (865) 584-0229

The Willows of West Hills – Offers leasing from 3 months to 12 months.
7118 West Arbor Trace Drive ................................................................................................................ (866) 894-6439

Windover – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
301 Cheshire Drive ................................................................................................................................... (865) 551-6034

Windrush – Offers 12 month leasing only.
519 Morrell Road ................................................................................................................................... (865) 693-7074

Lenoir City

The Cove at Creekwood Park – Offers leasing from 6 months to 12 months.
245 Creekwood Cove Lane ..................................................................................................................... (865) 988-7776

Dogwood Terrace – Offers 12 month leasing only.
200 Dogwood Terrace .......................................................................................................................... (865) 986-0280

Kelly Pointe Apartments – Offers 12 month leasing only.
155 Kelly Lane .......................................................................................................................................... (865) 317-1564
**Housing Safety and Security Standards**

Use the checklist below as a resource to assist in your search and decision process.

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<th>Standard or Condition</th>
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<td><strong>✓</strong> Landlord has no record of serious safety or security problems/complaints that have not been resolved in a timely and acceptable manner.</td>
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<td>Facility meets or exceeds local building and safety (e.g., fire) codes and ordinances and has adequate utility (e.g., electrical, water, natural gas and sewerage) services.</td>
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<td>Entry doors are sound and constructed of solid wood or metal.</td>
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<td>Entry doors are equipped with deadbolt locks.</td>
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<td>Main entry door is equipped with a peephole.</td>
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<td>Sliding glass doors onto patios or balconies are equipped with pins or bars to prevent break-ins.</td>
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<td>Locks are changed or re-keyed for each new resident.</td>
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<td>Windows are secured with locks (screens are desirable but optional).</td>
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<td>Curtains, shades, blinds or other such window treatments are required on all windows to ensure privacy.</td>
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<td>Kitchen, bathroom, and outdoor electrical outlets are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).</td>
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<td>All electrical outlets are grounded (three-prong plugs)</td>
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<td>All electrical receptacles and switches have unbroken plates.</td>
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<td>At least one smoke detector is located outside each unit’s bedroom(s) as well as in common areas (e.g., hallways, laundry rooms, and basement or attic storage areas). All smoke detectors are operable at time of occupancy (i.e., fresh batteries have been installed or preferably, the detectors are hardwired into the electrical system-with back-up battery power).</td>
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<td>Carbon monoxide detectors are present in facilities with gas furnaces and/or water heaters. They are operable at time of occupancy.</td>
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<td>At least one fire extinguisher is available in each unit and in common areas (e.g., hallways, laundries and basement or attic storage areas). All fire extinguishers are properly charged and checked and serviced on a regular basis.</td>
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<td>Hallways, stairways, storage areas and laundry rooms are well lit at night.</td>
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<td>Trees, shrubs and other vegetation is trimmed and maintained below window height to prevent attackers or peeping toms from using them as hiding places.</td>
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<td>Parking areas have adequate lighting at night and afford a clear line of sight to main building entrances.</td>
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<td>Building exteriors have adequate security lighting.</td>
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<td>Residents have an emergency number they may call 24-7 to report lost or stolen keys, utility failures and for other such immediate emergency needs.</td>
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<td>Although not mandatory, security or intrusion alarm systems are advisable for the facility. Participants are encouraged to purchase portable security alarm systems if not provided by landlords.</td>
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