

## General information about housing in Lyon

Due to the fact that where you live often affects how you experience a place, the school strongly advises students to arrange for their accommodations soon after being accepted to the IBP program. As in many dynamic cities, Lyon offers limited choices of accommodations for those who are watching their budgets. But keep in mind that students who are studying in France receive housing subsidies. The subsidies are useful as finding a part-time student job is not easy when you first arrive in France.

Just like many French universities, the Université Catholique de Lyon does not have a campus per se with living facilities on the premises. ESDES students live in many different places, not only in the city center but also on the outskirts of town. The public transport network is quick and efficient and gives students additional options for accommodations by using the public transportation system to travel a short distance to the school.

Rents in Lyon vary widely depending on the type of accommodation a student is seeking. Below you can get an idea of what your monthly rent will be:

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| - Very <u>basic</u> dorm room with shared bathroom: | €165-395                               |
| - Room in an apartment with a family:               | €500-650 (when half-board is provided) |
| - An independent studio efficiency:                 | €500                                   |

Other items you will need to budget for your living accommodation:

- a one or two month security deposit
- renter's insurance: 30-50€ per year

In addition to your budget, you should consider questions about whether you would like to live in a French speaking environment and live life the way French people do, in which case you might be well served by renting a room with a French family.

The ESDES Housing Desk is available to help students arranging suitable housing, but as the demand far outnumbers the supply, you will be best served by making contact early and familiarizing yourself with the various options and reflecting on which situations might suit your personal lifestyle. Due to the restricted number of accommodations available, the ESDES Housing Desk will do their best to match the student's first choice with the spots available. The ESDES Housing Desk do not have housing offers where groups of IBP friends live together in the same flat.

Once a student is accepted in the IBP program, s/he will receive a housing form to fill in and return to the ESDES Housing Desk **before May 31<sup>st</sup>** for the first semester **or November 15<sup>th</sup>** for the second semester.

The ESDES Housing Desk will send students who need a housing certificate for their visa application a document after they accept their assignment.

**Please note that most rents increase each year, all the prices given here are the costs as we know them, they may slightly vary.**

## ESDES Housing Desk offers

### The best options for students staying for one semester are :

Maison St Laurent  
Maison St Bernard  
Résidence Allix  
Résidence Delessert  
Living with a French family

### The best options for students staying for two semesters are :

Studio efficiency in Le Zola Park  
Studio efficiency in Parc Harmonie  
Studio efficiency in a CROUS residence

The **Maison St Laurent** and **Maison St Bernard** are residence halls that belong to the Université Catholique de Lyon. Students living there can find a safe, friendly and homelike atmosphere. Both of them are situated less than 10 mn walk form ESDES, which means you don't need to use the public transport on a daily basis.

Students are sometimes housed in bedrooms in residence halls that belong to the French Government (CROUS) in Résidence **Allix** or **Delessert**. These are state run services where students are fully independent among over 1500 French or international students. This option is the cheapest and is ideal if you have a very limited budget along with little comfort demands.

We are in touch with some **French families** who want to welcome an IBP student for one semester and share the daily life of their home. Students will be put in contact with their French host family before they arrive in France and will share pictures. The number of places is extremely limited as IBP students will only be housed by families we know and trust. The students who have chosen this option in the past have been delighted by this authentic French experience.

The best options for IBP students staying for two semesters are either:

-studio efficiencies in **Le Zola Park** or **Parc Harmonie**. These options offer the best quality when you consider cosiness and independence. Both offers are fully furnished. IBP students applying through the ESDES housing Desk will save money on their administrative fees. Both Zola Park and Parc Harmonie have a few small apartments for couples.

-**studio efficiencies in a CROUS** run residence but you have to bear in mind that there are very few available.

*All these housing offers are subject to availability, which is the reason why we ask you to select two choices.*