

# CTS Housing Options

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## Residential Life at CTS

Chicago Theological Seminary is located in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. It is a much sought after neighborhood, which includes the homes of many notable Chicagoans, including President Barack Obama. Hyde Park is also the home of the University of Chicago, as well as several seminaries that are a part of the ACTS (Association of Chicago Theological Schools) Cluster. There is a quaint downtown area and numerous trendy shops, restaurants, bars, nightclubs and markets. It's central location means that it is also well service by public transportation. A community imbued with culture, you are just steps away from wonderful museums such as The Oriental Institute, The DuSable Museum of African American History and The Museum of Science and Industry. And let's not forget the beauty of Lake Michigan, 57th Street Beach and the view of Chicago's iconic skyline from Lake Shore Drive, all of which are just steps away from CTS. Also bordering the historic Woodlawn neighborhood CTS is not only centrally located, but resides within a community rich in both cultural diversity and diverse housing options.

**CTS does not maintain its own residence hall.** Each student is responsible for finding, applying for, and securing her/his own housing. However, for the convenience of our students, CTS has entered into an agreement with the University of Chicago which affords CTS students the opportunity to reside in University of Chicago graduate residences. Rental charges for those who choose this option are billed directly from CTS and paid to CTS. Apartments ranging from studio to 3 bedrooms are typically available. Individuals, families, and students wanting to share an apartment are welcome. A significant benefit to this housing is that it does not require the typical sizable deposits or fees of other apartments, only a \$200 application fee which is refundable should you not secure suitable housing. For more information about how to apply for this housing, see our information brochure: "CTS & University of Chicago Graduate Student Housing."

**Other Housing Options:** In addition to University Housing there are a plethora of wonderful rental opportunities in the communities surrounding CTS. Because this is an area in high demand, we suggest you begin your housing search soon after your acceptance to CTS. Some of the ACTS Cluster Seminaries offer housing to CTS students, as well. Unlike University Housing, you will need to apply to these independently and will pay rent directly to their housing office. As in most urban areas, landlords will typically require a security deposit equivalent to first and last month's rent. Rental rates vary greatly depending on location, amenities and size. Please be sure to ask each housing provider what the upfront costs are and which fees, if any, are refundable. Parking may or may not be include, so if you are planning to have a car, be sure to inquire about parking availability and costs. Many area apartments and houses are serviced by public transportation such as CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) buses and trains or Metra (commuter rail that stops only a few short blocks from CTS), as well as FREE University campus buses. Maps, routes, and

schedules, are available in the Office of Community Life and at: [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com), <http://metrarail.com/metra/en/home.html> and <http://bus.uchicago.edu>.

***For more housing information including temporary housing please contact the Office of Community Life at [housing@ctschicago.edu](mailto:housing@ctschicago.edu)***



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