Welcome to the new Housing interface, HouseCat! This portal will be your online residential center; room bookings, your housing profile, applications, and Housing Lottery will all live here.

Winter Housing Application Instructions:

This application is open to anyone returning to Bates Campus in the Winter Term after being away for Fall Term. There are two tracks: Pre-Arranged and Non Pre-Arranged.

Pre-Arranged Track: If you have arranged to take a space in a partially occupied double, triple, suite, or have agreed to live in a Theme House, you would select the Pre-Arranged Track. You may not arrange to take a single or vacant double from students leaving for Winter Term.

Non Pre-Arranged Track: If you would like to enter the lottery to be placed in a single or an open double, triple or suite another returning students, please select No on the Pre-Arranged Room dropdown on the Housing Options page.

If you need to request Accommodations, please follow the link on the Personal Information or Additional Info pages.
Pre-Arranged:

The Pre-Arranged Room Track is for students who are joining currently housed students in a partially open space, or who have arranged to live in a Theme House.

-You will be directed to fill out a Housing Profile. This profile carries into all applications and housing processes you participate in at Bates, and can be updated at any time. Questions surrounding your lifestyle and preferences help the Office of Residence Life better match you with roommates, if the need arises.
-Next is the Room Selection Wizard. You will be directed to browse rooms in order to find the space you have arranged to live in next semester. Please select your building from the list; you will then be shown all spaces within that building. Be sure you know the room number (and letter, if a suite) prior to filling out this section.

-Highlight the room you’ve arranged to live in and hit Continue.
-On the next screen, you will be able to see the residents currently assigned to that room by clicking the magnifying glass. Please confirm this is the correct arrangement before proceeding.

(In the new system, each room is attached to a letter. With the exception of suites, this letter has no bearing on your room selection and is only used as a system identifier).

-Highlight the room selected, and hit Continue.

-On the next screen you will select a bed number. This just confirms your space in the room; specific beds are not assigned.
-The next screen will confirm your selection and any other roommates assigned to the space. It will also confirm the dates you have access to the room. If you are an athlete returning over break, your move-in date (set by your coach) will be adjusted closer to the end of Fall Semester.

-Sign the Housing Contract with your Bates ID number.

-You will receive a confirmation email once your application has been submitted.
-Begin by ranking your most desired residences. You can choose 3-5 options. This is just a general preference- you will also have a chance at the end of the application to write in more detailed preferences.

You will also be asked for a room-type preference for each residence.
-On the next screen you can rank your Housing Attribute preferences. We will use these in cases where we cannot meet your specific residence preferences.

-Housing Profile- This profile carries into all applications and housing processes you participate in at Bates, and can be updated at any time. Questions surrounding your lifestyle and preferences help the Office of Residence Life better match you with roommates, if the need arises.
-Roommate Request- if you would like to room with other students returning from away, you can create roommate “groups” here. You can select 1-5 roommates. Search for roommates by their name under Screen Name. You can also search for students by gender. Please note- only students who have started a Winter Housing Application will appear in search results. If you can’t find your preferred roommate, please reach out to them to begin their application.

-Additional Info- this is where you can write freely about your housing or roommate preferences.

-Sign the Housing Contract with your Student ID.

Housing Assignments will be confirmed in mid-December via email. The return date for all students is January 8, unless you are a rostered athlete practicing over break.