

ISI HOUSE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LIVING TOGETHER NEAR THE UW

Hello! We are so excited that you are interested in joining us as a resident and community member of the International Students, Inc. (ISI) House. (www.isiseattle.com) We hope this letter will help you to understand what living in the house is all about, so please read it carefully.

MISSION STATEMENT OF ISI HOUSE, SEATTLE:

We in the ISI House endeavor to represent Jesus Christ to international students and others in Seattle as we follow Jesus, love one another, and host International Christian Fellowship, ICF, including a potluck and Bible Study which currently meets every Friday night at 6:30 PM. We choose to live in community and cooperate with ISI staff and volunteers to bring glory to God through our friendship, hospitality, and service.

LIVING IN COMMUNITY:

The reason the ISI House, Seattle, exists, is for ministry to other international students. Our reason and purpose for being together is to serve. We serve God, each other, the immediate community around the house, and every guest who calls or visits.

RESIDENTS (Housemates):

Since the mission of ISI is to share Christ's love with international students, and the ISI House is the hub of the ISI ministry in Seattle, ICF involvement must be taken into account when inviting a student to live in the house. Residents are to be primarily students, individuals who are committed to the goals of ICF and interested in living in community where relationships are built with Christ, and with one another. We prefer to have no more than two persons of the same nationality living in the house at the same time. Residents are to reflect an attitude of hospitality, answer phones cordially and professionally, serve those the Lord brings us, and take turns cooking, assume assigned household responsibilities, be an ICF attender, and to attend house meetings where prayer occurs and discussion of house concerns takes place. Potential residents must understand the House Mission Statement, the house rules, and be willing to assume cooking and cleaning responsibilities (which include setup and cleanup for ICF).

A CO-ED HOUSE

Currently, the house is co-ed, with guys living on the third floor and girls living on the second floor. Girls use the second floor bathroom, and guys use the first floor bathroom.

We do ask that when guys and girls want to visit together, they stay on the first floor. Guys are not allowed in girls' rooms, and girls are not allowed in guys' rooms. In additions, guests should leave by 9:30 pm on weeknights unless special arrangement has been made.

COMMUNITY MEAL TIME TOGETHER:

We all have dinner together each weekday. Being part of the house means that you need to be at meals. Residents are expected to be present for at least 4 meals a week and at least 3 times a month on Fridays. We take turns cooking dinner every weekday evening.

We have a House Meeting every week for about one and a half hours. You must be able to attend these every week, with only rare exceptions. Currently, the house meetings are Thursday night after dinner. Please make Thursday evening set-up and Friday evening 6:00pm-10:00pm (ICF) a priority.

HOUSE CHORES:

Each resident is assigned a chore, which should always seem done, as much as is possible, for an entire month's period. This assignment changes each month. All residents take their turn at each chore or job.

THE MANAGEMENT: (Currently Laura Lucht)

Management coordinates the residents to function as a team. Management sets an example of godliness and gentleness, and maintains open communication with ISI staff and residents whenever possible. Management also maintains the ISI House in such a manner that it reflects excellent stewardship in upkeep and cleanliness, and is warm, welcoming and hospitable to visitors and residents alike. Management realizes that the primary purpose is to share the love of Christ with international students, to befriend them, help them adjust, serve their needs, and share Christ's love.

RENT: The large bedroom is \$605/month. The other second floor bedrooms are \$585/month. The third floor bedrooms are \$575/month. When a student arrives before the first of the month, rent will be charged at \$19.50 per day. This rent amount includes food costs, the use of the house phone for local calls, wireless high-speed internet, basic cable TV, and a newspaper. It includes the use of the two bathrooms, clothes washer and dryer, and utilities such as water, electricity, and standard quantities of garbage. It does not include sundries (i.e. shampoo, vitamins, or medicine) intended only for personal use. Anything above this is not to be expected.

Rent is due no later than the 3rd of each month. If it is late, you will need to pay a **late fee of \$5**. Residents must give a **30 days' notice** before moving out. A 30 days' notice means that from the day that you definitely decide to move out and give the manager a **written notice**, you must pay the ISI House a minimum of 30 days rent, even if you move out in less than 30 days. A cleaning deposit of \$100 is required when you move in. It will be returned when you move out if your room is clean and empty when you leave.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

If you are interested in living in the ISI house:

1. Send in the application to the manager.
2. Talk with the manager.
3. Visit a Friday night ICF meeting.
4. You will be contacted by the manager about the possibility of moving into the house.

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Summary:

Monthly rent (room, meals, phone, internet, etc.):

- \$575-\$605, depending on room
- \$100 cleaning deposit when you move in
- 30 days notice before you move out

Responsibilities:

- Be at dinner four weeknights each week
- Cook dinner for housemates one night per week
- Help with cleaning duties each week
- Attend house meetings on Thursday nights and ICF on (most) Friday nights

If you wish to apply to be a resident, please send the following information to the manager.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Nationality: _____ Birthday: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

When would you want to move in?

How long do you think you will want to live at the ISI house?

Religion:

Place of study (college or university):

When and from whom did you hear about ISI or Seattle ICF?

Do you understand and agree to the responsibilities of living in the ISI House?

What questions do you have about living in the ISI House?