Below is some information regarding possible housing options. Please be aware that we do not specifically endorse any of the below options.

1. The preferred way to apply to International-House is by filling out an application at their website (www.ihouse-nyc.org). A link to that application can be found here. Make sure to complete all of the application requirements, including the personal statement. Please note that if you applied to I-House through Columbia UAH’s I-House website (which can be found here), you might not be eligible to get a room. If you did this, go to the I-House application link in #2 and fill out a non-Columbia-affiliated application. If you can’t remember which way you applied, take a look at the UAH Housing Application and the Columbia I-House Application and see if they look familiar to you. If you filled out these two forms, you must also apply to I-House through their website application (link can be found in #2) as the Columbia-affiliated application is completely different application.

2. Though our students are not eligible for UAH assistance, they do have complete access to Off-Campus Housing Assistance (OCHA). Their office can be reached at 212.854.2771 or ocha@columbia.edu. OCHA is located at 401 West 119th Street (between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Drive).

3. You should make sure to check out OCHA’s Housing Registry which is a searchable compilation of all the current apartments and room in Morningside Heights that are available for rent. This database can be accessed by logging into this portal. You will need a University Network ID, or UNI, to login. If you have not received or activated your UNI (or have any problems accessing the portal), please contact the Office of Student Life and Alumni Relations immediately.

4. If you are interested in getting an apartment through a broker, or real estate agent, OCHA offers a service called “One-on-One Apartment Counseling.” You can sign up for an appointment by logging on with you UNI and password at this portal. Please note that a broker or real estate agent will charge you a fee for his/her services – it is usually a percentage of the yearly rent. Also, international students without extensive credit histories may be required to show some set amount of liquid assets before being allowed to sign a lease. Though the terms of the lease vary one a case-by-case basis, most management companies and landlords will want you to be able to pay the full year’s rent up-front (especially if you don’t have a credit history – which is the case for most international students). Also, you don’t need to use a broker that’s recommended to you by OCHA – you can find a broker on your own as well.

5. A reputable real estate agent that you might want to contact: Molly Spears at Anchor NYC. You can contact her at mspears@anchornyc.com or 646.337.6761. Her website can be found here.

6. Check out Craigslist – the apt/housing and room/shared links can help you find a place to stay depending on what you’re looking for. This website will generate results for all of Manhattan, so if you want to live near campus, make sure to filter the search to only include results in the Harlem/Morningside Heights neighborhoods.