

## **Extended Stay Program**

### **2014-15 Academic Year**

**The Extended Stay program serves as an extension of the 2014-15 academic year contract, allowing residents to stay on campus for the Winter Break (December 20, 2014 through January 17, 2015).**

#### **Who is Eligible?**

All residents who receive a "Contract Acceptance" notice to live on campus for the 2014-2015 Academic year are eligible to express interest in the Extended Stay Contract program. Should the demand exceed the space we have available, priority will be given to Guardian Scholars, International, Out of State, Foster Youth, Emancipated, and students with special circumstances.

**How do I apply?** All residents who receive a "contract acceptance" notice to live on campus will be invited via their UC Merced email to participate. Students who are interested in applying to the program must complete a supplemental application that can be found at <https://intelforms.ucmerced.edu/Form/ExtendedStay>.

**Where will we live?** Extended Stay residents will live together on a floor of triple occupancy rooms. The Extended Stay program will be open to ALL residents and therefore will be a mixed community of first-year, new transfers, and continuing students.

**Will the Dining Center be open?** Dining services will have limited hours of operation during winter break. Students should anticipate that dining will be closed whenever the campus is closed.

**Are meals provided?** Meals are not included in the Extended Stay Contract, however food may be purchased whenever dining services is open.

**What happens if I get locked out of my room?** Staff will be available on call only. Response time may be delayed as much as one hour for non-emergency situations including but not limited to lock-outs. In a true emergency, call 911.

**Can I have a guest over?** Residents may have guests over, but for safety and security reasons, guests must be escorted at all times. Overnight guests are not permitted during the Extended Stay break period.

**Will the office be open?** The Terrace Center Office will be open for limited hours during the break.

**Will I still receive mail?** Mail services will be limited during the break period. Students who wish to pick up a package may only do so when the Terrace Center Office is open.

**What are my transportation options?** Cat Track services will be limited and possibly non-existent during break periods. In addition to Cat Tracks students have the option of utilizing the Hertz 24/7 car sharing program for their transportation needs. For more information regarding the program please visit <https://taps.ucmerced.edu/hertz-247>.

**How will I select my room?** All students are encouraged to participate in the on-line roommate and room selection process in case they are not admitted into the program. Students admitted into the program will work with the program coordinator to identify their room and roommate preferences.

**How much does the Extended Stay program cost?** The Extended Stay Contract costs \$1,044 and covers 29 nights at the rate of \$36 per night.

**Extended Stay Program Timeline**

	<b>Continuing</b>	<b>First Year</b>	<b>Transfers</b>
<b>Complete application</b>	April 14, 2014	May 12, 2014	June 6, 2014
<b>Notification to student regarding their admission status</b>	April 21, 2014	May 20, 2014	June 10, 2014
<b>Students offered early acceptance select room/mates</b>	May 2, 2014	May 29, 2014	June 20, 2014
<b>Alternates offered open spaces</b>	June 24, 2014	June 24, 2014	June 24, 2014

**Can I use the kitchen and laundry room during the break period?** Participants of the Extended Stay program will have access to a laundry facility and a kitchen during the break periods. The Kitchen is furnished with a refrigerator, freezer, microwave, stove, and oven. These are shared spaces and students are expected to clean up after each use.

**Can I receive financial assistance to help cover the cost?** In some instances a student’s financial aid award may cover the cost of the Extended Stay program. Students are encouraged to speak with a financial aid representative to discuss their options. Students who identify as foster youth, emancipated, or Guardian Scholar may qualify for state/federal grants and should contact Dallas Carter at (209) 228-2289 to determine if they are eligible for additional financial resources.

**If I’m on the housing waitlist can I still apply?** Students on the housing waitlist can still apply for the program but only students who have received a contract acceptance notice will be considered. Applying to the program will not positively or negatively impact a student’s waitlist number.

**Do I have to stay on campus for the whole break period?** The Extended Stay Contract covers the entire period whether you stay on campus or not. You may come and go as you please as you will have access to your room during the entire break period.

**Who receives early admission?** Students may receive early admission based on need. Priority will be given to Guardian Scholars, International, Out of State, Foster Youth, Emancipated, and students with special circumstances. Students who may not qualify for early admission will be placed on the alternate list and will be offered a spot based on space availability beginning June 24, 2014.

If you have additional questions regarding the Extended Stay program please contact the program coordinator, Dallas Carter at [dcarter@ucmerced.edu](mailto:dcarter@ucmerced.edu) .