1. **BUDGET & KNOW THE MARKET**
   Starting at the beginning of March is prime time to begin identifying your budget and getting a sense of current market values. Setting expectations of what you can afford for all costs associated with off-campus living will help you understand your negotiables and necessities.

2. **FINDING ROOMATES**
   April - May is the best time to start building roommate connections and solidifying what your living situation will be either independently or with others. Facebook groups, craigslist, and co-living spaces have great opportunities!

3. **TAKE A TOUR**
   End of May - Early June is the time to start touring units that fit your budget, space and location preferences. Ask questions of landlords/property managers to get the right fit.

4. **APPLY**
   Late June - July is when as an individual or as a group, housing applications should be sent in. Cast a wide net by applying to multiple units will strength your chances of being accepted and moving into a new residence before the start of fall quarter. Most applications will ask for references, credit scores, W-2/Pay Stubs and Co-Signer information if needed.

5. **MOVE-IN**
   Before moving in and signing your lease ensure to document any existing damages, clarify with your landlord any ambiguities existing in the lease agreement and purchase renters insurance.