A Community within the College

Within beautiful grounds inspired by the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, academics, research and professional degree students, and coursework graduate students live and work together in an enriching academic setting at the heart of the university. Members benefit from quality communal meals, seminars with distinguished academics, recreational activities and facilities, and a thriving and welcoming community of scholarship.

A home for its members, Graduate House has its own Refectory, Common Rooms, garden, and a beautiful roof terrace with views over the University and the city. Members also have access to the many facilities of St Paul’s College, including the College Chapel, library, and gymnasium.

Graduate House is a new, world-class residential community for women and men postgraduate students and academics at St Paul’s College within the University of Sydney.

An Invitation from the Dean

It is my pleasure to welcome the best and brightest of postgraduate students from around the world into this new community. Postgraduate study is an intense and consuming pursuit, and we believe that College membership is an important part of scholarly life, elevating each individual and drawing them together into a community that educates the whole person.

Those who are selected to come to Graduate House will enliven the community with their excellence, and will themselves be shaped into better people by the fellowship of their peers. The mind and spirit flourish in our community and I invite the very best postgraduate women and men to join us in the warm and welcoming community of scholars.

Our Senior Members are distinguished academics from a variety of fields who contribute to the enriching life of our College. I extend an invitation to both University of Sydney and visiting academics to join Graduate House.

- Antone Martinho-Truswell, Dean
JOIN A WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY

St Paul’s College, of which Graduate House is a part, is led by the Warden, Dr Don Markwell.

The Graduate House community is led by the Dean, who is responsible for building and fostering a happy and inclusive collegiate community in the House.

A Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, Dr Antone Martinho-Truswell, is the inaugural Dean of Graduate House. He resides on site with his wife, Mrs Emma Martinho-Truswell who is a mentor and resource for students. The Dean is responsible for shaping Graduate House's culture and fostering the collegiate tradition in this new institution. The initial resident members have the opportunity to be part of the creation of Australia’s leading graduate community for women and men. Graduate House at St Paul’s College offers students and academics the opportunity to integrate learning and living, with a focus on activities that are academic, more broadly intellectual, cultural, spiritual, sporting, community service, and social. The fellowship of friends and the exhilaration of living and learning together are at the heart of the College experience. Specifically, Graduate House will be founded upon inter-disciplinary interaction and distinctive academic leadership and it will be complementary to the University’s growing focus on higher degrees, postgraduate studies and inter-disciplinary research centres.

Graduate House provides unique opportunities for collaboration and integration amongst its members, within and across academic disciplines – a superb environment in which to be a graduate student or academic.

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

Graduate House offers very high standard studios and apartments in the centre of the University of Sydney, overlooking gardens and the College oval.

All rooms are en suite and include kitchenette and a spacious, bright workspace. Each has a television, air conditioning, and regular cleaning, wifi, and all utilities included.

Graduate House has accommodation for singles or couples, with studios, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments available. Each floor has communal social space in addition to the shared spaces throughout the House.

Accommodation is available on 34, 44, or 52 week contracts to suit students on a variety of degree courses. Graduate House at St Paul’s College seeks to be a welcoming environment to all graduate students and academics – including those with partners and children.

Graduate House fees entitle the member to single residency, 12 meals per week during University semester periods, cleaning, utilities, access to College facilities and activities. (Some events may be subject to separate charges).

STUDIOS AND APARTMENTS ARE FULLY FURNISHED, AND INCLUDE:

- En suite bathrooms
- Queen bed, wardrobe, desk, lounge, and TV
- Kitchenette including cooktop, small fridge, and sink
- Air-conditioning
- Security throughout
- Balconies in some studios
- Regular cleaning

FACILITIES

- Gym
- Dining Hall for communal dining on regular occasions
- Self catering, in room and communal kitchens
- Library
- Common rooms
- Rooftop Terrace
- Playing Field
- Chapel
Academic life and Mentoring

Graduate House is committed to fostering the highest levels of academic excellence in all its members. St Paul’s College has a rich tradition of high quality peer-to-peer tutorials in all subjects, and Graduate House members can be a part of this tradition. This will offer senior students the opportunity to gain invaluable teaching experience, while providing a study and revision resource to members of the wider College.

Meals

The common meal is at the centre of collegiate life. It offers a chance for stimulating conversation and communal spirit away from the pressures of daily academic work.

Accommodation in Graduate House includes breakfast every day, and dinner each evening from Monday to Friday. The Graduate House kitchen serves a variety of healthy and delicious options suited to postgraduate students and academics.

Formal dinner is a tradition in residential colleges stretching back nearly a millennium in the Oxbridge model, and has been a part of College life since our founding. Formal dinner in Graduate House is held once a week. This is an occasion to come together with your community for an evening of good food and company, and is a great opportunity for inviting guests. We gather for pre-dinner drinks in the Middle Common Room.

Every Friday, dinner is served as a House barbeque on the roof terrace – a relaxed and fun occasion that brings a great end to the week, and an opportunity to take in the magnificent views over Sydney.

Guests are welcome to all House meals at reasonable prices. Guests at formal dinner should be booked in at least 24 hours in advance.

While we believe dining as a community is very important for the life of the College and the wellbeing of our students, all student rooms and apartments in Graduate House have their own cooking facilities for your convenience.

How to apply

Women and men who are students or academic staff of the University of Sydney are encouraged to apply. Application may be made at any time via the College website. Please contact the Registrar (registrar@stpauls.edu.au) with any enquiries.

For more details about the College, student life at St Paul’s and living in Sydney please see our website: www.stpauls.edu.au.