

Edgerton Transfer Lottery Rules

Organized by the Edgerton Student Advisory Board (SAB)

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PURPOSE

The room transfer lottery provides an opportunity for Edgerton residents with renewable housing contracts to change rooms or room types.

ELIGIBILITY

The room transfer lottery is open to Edgerton residents with renewable housing contracts. This includes students with continuing student status, some students with 18-month licenses, and house officers. See the cheat sheet on the transfer lottery website for more details. Current first-year residents who have entered the continuing student housing process are not eligible to enter this lottery. Eligible residents who opt to not enter the lottery will remain assigned to their current rooms.

PROCESS

Prior to the posting of available rooms, residents should state their intention to enter the lottery by emailing the SAB. Participants in the room transfer lottery will list their top choices of rooms after April 30 from the listing of available rooms. If a participant is not awarded a room through this process, they will remain assigned to their current room. Residents wishing to transfer between rooms in a suite are moved first. Then seniority points (see below) will be used to determine the remaining sequence of room assignments; ties involving groups of participants with the same number of seniority points will be broken randomly.

SQUATTERS' RIGHTS: TRANSFER BETWEEN ROOMS WITHIN AN APARTMENT

If a resident in a 2-, 3-, or 4-bedroom apartment wants to switch to another (available) room in the same apartment (e.g. resident of 003B wants to move to 003C), their "squatter's rights" request will be granted (unless another resident in the same apartment wants the same room, in which case seniority points come into play: see below). A resident may choose to request both squatter's rights as well as transfer to a room in another apartment in Edgerton on their lottery application form. In that case, the within-apartment transition will happen first, and then the resident will be considered for transfer to the room in the other apartment.

SENIORITY POINTS

Every resident earns a seniority point for every semester of residence in Edgerton. Officers (defined by the Edgerton Constitution) serving during the 2008-2009 year earn two additional seniority points for every semester of holding office; officers having served in the past earn one additional seniority point for every semester of holding office. If an officer vacates his/her position before the annual elections, they forfeit their officer seniority point for the semester. Front Desk Workers (and other paid positions) do not

receive officer points. If a resident has performed a task or tasks equivalent in magnitude to an officer position, the Edgerton Officer Board may award them up to one point per semester through a unanimous vote. For the purposes of this lottery, two semesters are considered: fall and spring. Points are rounded up to the nearest semester; hence officers elected in Spring 2008 receive two officer seniority points for the May 2008 Edgerton Transfer Lottery. Note that current officers DO NOT get to pick first as a group; the order of placement is based solely on the residents' seniority points.

If you have medical/extenuating circumstances requiring a move, you should immediately contact the Graduate Housing Office. Do not wait for the lottery.

ROOMMATES

All residents in a potential roommate group need to be eligible for the room transfer lottery. All residents in the group must fill out a form after April 30, and preferences must be identical, or the roommate request will be disregarded. The seniority points of the residents within a group will be summed to determine their selection priority within the lottery. MIT Housing regulations require that roommates in 3- and 4-bedroom apartments must be of the same gender. However, co-ed groups may apply to the 2-bedroom apartments (see below). If you want to keep your current room but specify a roommate preference (i.e., would like another eligible resident to move to a room in your current apartment), enter the lottery and follow the directions on the form. Your seniority points will be summed, giving you a better chance at rooming together.

CO-ED HOUSING

Edgerton will grant requests for coed roommates, in 2-bedroom apartments only (<http://web.mit.edu/housing/grad/assignments/coed.html>).

MOVE-OUT/MOVE-IN DATES

Move-out dates are determined by the contract termination date through MIT Housing. Specific arrangements may be made by contacting the Graduate Housing Assignments Coordinator, Sandy Lugo, at graduatehousing@mit.edu. Move-in dates are also arranged by the Graduate Housing Assignments Coordinator. Generally, move-outs must be completed by August 15. If a room has an earlier move-in date, you must move in at that date. If you will be away for the summer, please vacate your room before you leave, since it must be available for a new resident by August 15. Please note that at least three full days will be needed between the room vacancy date and the earliest possible move-in date.

PENALTIES

Lottery results are binding. By entering this lottery, you are committed to moving to the new room. Participants in the room transfer lottery who decide to forfeit their new room assignment will also forfeit their current room assignment, their continuing student status, and be ineligible for future room transfer lotteries. This penalty will also apply to

residents who do not vacate their old room by the move-out date (as arranged with the Graduate Housing Assignments Coordinator).

RENT

Lottery participants will be responsible for the rent associated with the new room type (rated daily based on the moving date. The current rent schedule for the remainder for 2007-2008 is:

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| Efficiency | \$1,128 |
| 1-Bedroom Apartment | \$1,380 |
| 2-Bedroom Apartment | \$926 |
| 3-Bedroom Apartment | \$771 |
| 4-Bedroom Apartment | \$705 |

The current rent schedule for 2008-2009 (beginning Sept 1) is:

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| Efficiency | \$1,168 |
| 1-Bedroom Apartment | \$1,428 |
| 2-Bedroom Apartment | \$958 |
| 3-Bedroom Apartment | \$798 |
| 4-Bedroom Apartment | \$730 |

FLOOR PLANS

Available at <http://whereis.mit.edu/map-jpg?selection=NW10> . Note that not all rooms are made equal. Please try to visit the room you wish to move to before entering the lottery.

AVAILABLE ROOMS

Available rooms and move-in dates will be made known on April 30. Residents must then fill out a form by May 8 at 4pm, ranking their preferences and listing move-in dates. A resident is considered a participant in the lottery once he/she fills out this form (which will be available on the website). If a resident is awarded a new room, the vacated room is now available. A resident attempting to gain continuing student status in their same room should notify the SAB, otherwise their room will be considered available.

EDGERTON TRANSFER LOTTERY COMMITTEE

The Edgerton Transfer Lottery Committee will consist of at least two and no more than five members. One of these members must be the Chair of the Student Advisory Board, Housemaster, or House Manager (or similar authority position). The remaining members must be current Edgerton residents who have not entered the lottery.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions that have not been answered above or on the grad housing webpage <http://web.mit.edu/housing/grad/>, contact the SAB at eh-sab@mit.edu.

LOTTERY FORM

Please make sure you have read the rules above and know which rooms you would like to select before filling out the form (which will be available on the website). The entry submission process is as follows:

- It is suggested that you physically visit rooms you would like to transfer to in order to ensure they are what you are expecting (floor plans are a useful resource, but a visit to the room in person will help you avoid any unpleasant surprises in the fall). Current residents reserve the right to set the time for the viewing, or simply refuse viewings.
- Fill out the lottery form and deliver to the Edgerton Front Desk (during the hours of 8am-4pm) from April 30 to May 8. Night desk workers have been instructed NOT to accept the transfer form.
- In addition to selecting rooms, you can also specify roommate preferences. If you want to keep your current room but specify a roommate preference, follow the directions on the form.

RESULTS

The transfer lottery results will be available on May 12.