

Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program

Applications close 5 May 2027 – Limited spaces available

UniLodge Park Avenue is excited to offer a limited number of affordable rooms in the form of discounted weekly accommodation. UniLodge Park Avenue is committed to supporting young adults in pursuing tertiary study. This program has been established to assist students for whom accommodation costs present a significant barrier to commencing, continuing or completing their studies at The University of Melbourne, Monash University, RMIT or another approved tertiary education provider.

The support will be awarded to students who, without the financial assistance provided by this program, would be at risk of not starting, continuing or completing their studies.

Note: This program is limited to up to 15 eligible domestic students. Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis and may close earlier, if all available places are allocated. This support program will apply to **Standard Bedroom** room types only.

Who can apply?

The program is open to **new** residents who:

- can demonstrate a history of academic achievement; and
- can demonstrate that accommodation affordability presents a significant barrier to commencing or continuing their university study; and
- are not already in receipt of another substantial competitive support / scholarship from a university or other external party
- applicants must be domestic students, defined as Australian citizens, permanent residents, or other eligible domestic-status students as determined by UniLodge

Applicants must be domestic students enrolled full time in an approved university or tertiary program for Semester 2, 2026 or Semester 1, 2027. For this program, domestic students may include Australian citizens, permanent residents, New Zealand citizens, or other students classified as domestic for study purposes, subject to UniLodge approval.

How to apply?

The completed application form is to be submitted to the General Manager, UniLodge Park Avenue by **5 May, 2027 at 5pm**. Applicants **must** complete the application form and provide copies of all requested supporting documentation. Applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria as set out by UniLodge.

Selection Process

An applicant will not be selected for a UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program unless the selection committee is satisfied that they meet the eligibility criteria as set out in these guidelines.

Assessment of an applicant's financial circumstances will be based on the information provided in this application form and the supporting documentation that has been provided. The selection committee will make its own judgement about what constitutes the most meritorious cases and an approved university program. Throughout the selection process, extra documentation may be requested from the applicant to assist in the decision making.

Offer Process

Recipients of the UniLodge Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program will be selected by a panel comprising:

1. The General Manager, UniLodge Park Avenue (as Chair); and
2. The Customer Service Manager, UniLodge Park Avenue

Applicants will be officially notified by email of the outcome of their application. The award of a UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program will be conditional on the recipient being enrolled in a full-time study load at their respective university for Semester 2, 2026 or Semester 1, 2027. Verified documentation of this enrolment can be requested by UniLodge from the applicant.

Applicants, at the time of accepting an offer of a UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program, must accept the conditions of the program and agree to provide any information relevant to assessing their ongoing eligibility for the program.

Value and Duration of Support Program

The value of a UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program will be payable as an accommodation rent reduction on the following room types and leases:

- The program is capped at up to 15 eligible domestic students. The support program applies to Standard Bedroom room types only and provides a rent reduction of \$130 per week from the Standard Bedroom rack rate of \$459 per week, resulting in a discounted weekly rent of \$329 per week for the approved period.
- The program will run for 24 weeks from the lease start date, or until the lease end date (whichever occurs first), subject to the recipient maintaining residency and complying with UniLodge Park Avenue House Rules and expectations.

Residential Tenancy Agreement

It is advisable that the successful applicant inspects the property and room prior to signing this lease. Even if an application is successful, the applicant will not be entitled to, or move into UniLodge Park Avenue unless, and until, a valid Residential Tenancy Agreement is entered into.

Successful applicants must enter into a Residential Rental Agreement for a Standard Bedroom. The support program will apply for a maximum of 24 weeks from the lease start date, or until the lease end date, whichever occurs first. An earlier start date or later end date can be negotiated with the successful applicant; however, the program period of 24 weeks is non-negotiable.

Successful applicants will be required to lodge a security bond of 4 weeks' gross rent with the Residential Tenancy Bond Authority, in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (VIC). The bond is calculated on the gross weekly rent, not the post-support program net rent. UniLodge Park Avenue does not hold bonds in trust.

Successful applicants will abide by all RTA and residential tenancy agreement requirements as per their lease agreement and the house rules of UniLodge Park Avenue. Applicants are encouraged to ensure they are aware of the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (VIC) prior to signing their lease.

The applicant acknowledges and agrees that once an agreement has been signed, the room allocation listed on the agreement will remain the same throughout the tenancy.

Upon expiry of the lease agreement, provided all rent and other outstanding charges have been paid in full and the apartment is returned to UniLodge in the same condition as at the commencement of the tenancy (fair wear and tear excepted), UniLodge will initiate the bond refund process through the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority (RTBA) accordingly.

Academic Requirements

Recipients of the UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program are required to remain enrolled in a standard full-time study load (4 subjects per semester or trimester).

Recipients whose enrolment status changes from being full time, during the length of the program must notify UniLodge Park Avenue immediately in writing. Verified documentation can be reasonably requested to support this information. This includes any action taken from the university in relation to the recipient's enrolment such as cancellation or termination due to, but not limited to show cause, misconduct or other disciplinary actions.

Termination

A UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program will be terminated:

1. If the recipient has provided false or misleading information in their application or during the program period, which would have affected the assessment of their eligibility; or
2. once the full value of the program has been paid, or
3. if the recipient fails to meet the academic requirements set out in these guidelines; or
4. at the discretion of the General Manager, UniLodge Park Avenue where the recipient fails to comply with the terms of the UniLodge Park Avenue tenancy agreement or UniLodge Park Avenue house rules.

The security bond is held by the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority and is administered in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (VIC). Program termination does not affect the Tenant's statutory bond entitlements.

Other

Applicants are responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and lodgment of their application. Successful applicants are responsible for any moving costs that may be incurred. An unsuccessful application does not imply any personal judgement has been made about the applicant. Any extra costs incurred during the course, or at the conclusion, of the lease will be the responsibility of the recipient. These may include, but are not limited to, costs for damage caused by the resident, replacement of damaged or missing equipment, after-hours call-out costs, replacement key costs, and cleaning costs at the end of the tenancy. Successful domestic students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the lease agreement being signed unless otherwise approved by the management of UniLodge Park Avenue.

Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program Application Form

How to complete this application form

1. Complete all sections of this application
2. Sign and date the declaration
3. Attach all requested documentary evidence and return the application form with all requested documentary evidence to:

Email: parkavenue@unilodge.com.au

Subject line: UniLodge Park Avenue Domestic Student Accommodation Support Program

Applications Due

5 May, 2027 by 5pm or earlier if all available places are allocated. No applications received after this date and time will be eligible for consideration, unless otherwise approved by UniLodge.

Personal Details

First Name	
Last Name	
Date of Birth	
Institution of Study	
Student Number	
Year of Study Course	
Degree	
Mobile Number	
Email	
Current Address	
Citizenship Details	

Note: UniLodge Park Avenue may request documentation to support these details.

Have you ever received warning notices or been evicted from any previous accommodation? If yes, please supply details.

Current benefits/financial assistance/work income you receive:

- Please provide documentation for each income stated below; this may be in the form of a pay slip, bank statement, and other statement
- Supporting documentation for any part of the application must be dated within four weeks of the date of application to show the most recent information

Personal statement

Please attach a typed personal statement of no more than 800 words, that:

- describes how accommodation costs present a challenge to your tertiary participation and why you meet the eligibility criteria;
- explains how the Support Program will benefit your accommodation and study situation; and
- includes any relevant circumstances (including health-related circumstances).

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied on this form and in accompanying documents and statements is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If any information provided is found to be false or misleading, I accept that any support awarded to me on the basis of this application will be cancelled and that I may be required to repay any support funds received to date.

I declare that I am not in receipt of any other support / scholarship from a university or external company.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please note: applications without required supporting documentation will not be considered

Applicant Privacy

The information on the application is collected for the primary purpose of assessing an application for this Support Program. Information on this form may also be used for the assessment and verification of the application, compliance with conditions of tenancy and the continuing management of the tenancy. Otherwise, the information the applicant provides will not be disclosed to a third party without the applicant's consent unless disclosure is authorised or required by law.

