General Information

You are responsible for your own housing at the Philadelphia campus only. Please visit the University’s Off-Campus Living Web Page at http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/offcampusliving/rental/temporary.html for information about temporary housing possibilities. You should try to find a location within walking distance of the Hospital. Other helpful links from their web page, including campus maps, can be found at http://www.upenn.edu/offcampusliving. For maps of the City of Philadelphia, please visit http://www.pcvb.org/ab_phil/maps.asp

You can also compose and email to our students and see if someone can accommodate you. Send your email to externships@vet.upenn.edu and it will be forwarded to our student body. Here’s an example of such an email:

Hello! My name is Lucy Student and I am an incoming final year vet student from University of Galactic School of Vet Medicine and Surgery in Venus. I am doing my XYZ rotation at Penn Vet and looking for accommodation for the XYZ dates. Give details here: e.g. if bringing pets, smoking status, and if you’re willing to share in a mixed accommodation. I would be willing to sublet for a fellow vet student. Feel free to contact me at YOUR EMAIL.

TRANSPORTATION

The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania is located in West Philadelphia, on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. This is a large, urban campus, with easily accessible public transportation. If you have a car, free parking is very difficult to find. Please see link for UPENN Map and Parking Garages: http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/
The Philadelphia International Airport is approximately 7 miles away. http://www.phl.org/

Dress code for the Matthew J. Ryan Small Animal hospital:

Present yourself professionally. When you meet clients during the course of a day at the MJRyan VHUP, the impression that the client carries with them will include how you look and act. The dress code for clinic appointments: For women: white jacket with dress, skirt or khaki-style pants; clean shirt or top; no tee-shirts with logos or blue jeans; no bare mid-riffs or low-cut tops; any type of shoe is fine as long as they are presentable (i.e., no holes); sneakers are not permitted; clean scrubs worn under your white jacket are fine. For men: white jacket with pants or khaki-style pants; clean shirt and tie; no jeans, sneakers, hats or tee-shirts with logos; any other type of shoe is fine as long as they are presentable (i.e., no holes); clean scrubs worn under your white jacket are fine.
There really isn’t a color restriction on scrubs; however, most students wear blue or green and they must be solid (i.e., no prints.) Same for your “white coat”: we realize some vet schools’ clinic coats are other colors. This is acceptable.

**On your first day...**
When you enter the Ryan Small Animal Hospital, please see the guard on duty in the Lobby. The guard will have a name badge for you. We suggest your contact your student rotation captain (or service rotation organizer -not all services have student captains) to ensure that you know your schedule.