Policy on Couples-Family Housing

Couples/Family housing may be available to NYULMC students, postdoctoral trainees (postdoc), house staff, and nurses, and their spouses, domestic partners, and minor dependents.

MEETING COUPLES/FAMILY HOUSING CRITERIA THROUGH MARRIAGE
A. A couple who presents a valid marriage certificate is eligible to apply for family housing.
B. Engagement to be married does not qualify applicants for family housing, unless the applicant meets family housing criteria through domestic partnership.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP CRITERIA FOR COUPLES/FAMILY HOUSING
Domestic partners are defined as two individuals who live together in a long-term relationship with an exclusive, mutual commitment similar to that of marriage, in which the partners agree to be responsible for each other’s welfare and obligations. *NYC domestic partnership information:* Please visit the following website: http://www.cityclerk.nyc.gov/html/marriage/domestic_partnership_reg.shtml

To apply for NYULMC couples/family housing, domestic partners must fulfill both the following requirements:

1. **Current New York residents must have a New York City Domestic Partnership Agreement at the time of application.** Those from outside New York City must present to the Housing Office a valid New York City Domestic Partnership Agreement within 30 days after arriving in New York City

2. Be jointly responsible for each other’s common welfare, intend to maintain a common residence indefinitely, and share financial obligations, as demonstrated, in addition to the NYC Domestic Partnership Agreement, by **two (2) of the following**, which must have preexisted for a minimum of six months prior to occupancy:
   a. A current joint mortgage or lease
   b. Ownership of an actively-used joint bank account, or joint credit account
   c. Joint ownership of a home or automobile
   d. Designation of domestic partner as primary beneficiary in a will or trust document
   e. Assignment of durable property or health care power of attorney to domestic partner
   f. Designation of domestic partner as beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits
   g. Registered as domestic partners in another municipality or country with accompanying certificate
   h. Other proof of prior co-habitation for a period of at least six months

CHILDREN AND QUALIFYING DEPENDENTS
For children, the eligible housing applicant must provide a valid birth certificate, final adoption papers, or passport indicating the parentage of the child, to the Housing Office. A qualifying dependent is a person who has been declared as a dependent under the primary occupant’s US tax return for tax year before the application for housing. Documentation concerning IRS Qualifying Dependents should be presented to the NYULMC Housing Office.

FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTATION
Falsification of documents and records, or failure to report changes in family or couple status will result in a loss of housing for the student or employee.