# LIVING IN PHILADELPHIA: A GUIDE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

#### **GETTING TO KNOW PHILADELPHIA**

- ⇒ About Philadelphia
- ⇒ Philadelphia Facts
- ⇒ Arts. Culture & Entertainment
- ⇒ Historical Sites
- ⇒ Parks & Recreation
- $\Rightarrow$  Dining
- ⇒ Shopping
- ⇒ Events

### **HOUSING & FAST FACTS**

- ⇒ Drexel Graduate Housing in Stiles Hall
- ⇒ Off Campus Housing & Roommate Search
- ⇒ Physics GSA Housing Advice
- ⇒ Most graduate students live off campus within walking distance or near public transportation
- ⇒ The majority live in University City and surrounding neighborhoods in West Philadelphia, as well as in Center City





- ⇒ Most search for rentals on realty websites such as Zillow, Trulia, Realtor, etc. Ask current students for their recommendations!
- ⇒ Our students spend an average of \$800 to \$1,100 per month on rent and \$50-\$150 on utilities, depending on their living situation. Most live with roommates to cut down on costs.

## **GETTING AROUND DREXEL & PHILADELPHIA**

- ⇒ Travel & Accommodations
- ⇒ Campus Maps & Directions
- ⇒ Parking
- ⇒ Drexel Bus Service
- ⇒ Bike Share
- ⇒ Car Share
- ⇒ Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation **Authority (SEPTA)**
- ⇒ New Jersey Transit
- $\Rightarrow$  Amtrak

### **SAFETY & SECURITY**

- ⇒ Drexel Public Safety
- ⇒ <u>Safety Tips</u>
- ⇒ Walking Escort Service
- ⇒ Emergency Numbers
- ⇒ A tip from the IGSA: Avoid living in areas north and west of 38th and Spring Garden streets, including north and west of Vidas Athletic Complex. South of UPenn, avoid living west of 46th Street and south of Chester Avenue/University of the Sciences.





