

## **Gender Inclusive Housing Guidelines for Stevens Housing**

Stevens Institute of Technology prides itself on fostering and supporting a diverse community of people and perspectives. A core value of the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of Residential and Dining Services at Stevens is to have a residential community that celebrates and promotes diversity and fosters respect for all students. The traditional system of assigning students to residential spaces based on assigned sex at birth does not always allow all students to feel safe, respected, and comfortable on our campus. Gender Inclusive Housing allows residents to create roommate groups and be assigned to rooms or suites, regardless of assigned sex at birth.

Stevens offers students a range of on-campus housing options. Transgender and gender non-conforming students will have access to housing consistent with their gender identity. Any student who wishes to discuss living arrangements should contact the Office of Residential and Dining Services.

Students desiring a Gender Inclusive Housing assignment must first be eligible for Stevens housing by completing all requirements set forth by the Office of Residential and Dining Services.

It is the decision of the student, and not the institution, to communicate with parents, family members, and/or guardians about the decision to live in Gender Inclusive Housing.

If any student leaves the Gender Inclusive room or suite for any reason, the student remaining in the assignment will be given one full week to fill the vacant space with a student of their choosing. After one week, if the space is not filled by the student(s) remaining in the assignment, the Office of Residential and Dining Services may revert the entire room or apartment back to a single gender space and may fill the vacancy accordingly. The process of reverting to a single gender space may involve asking students living in the unit to move to a new space, and the involved students are expected to comply with this request.

Students selecting Gender Inclusive rooms or suites acknowledge that the living commitment is for one full year. Students who change their mind about Gender Inclusive Housing can submit a request to change their assignment with the understanding that our ability to accommodate requests for such changes are contingent upon space availability and the timing of the submitted request.