Sidney Pacific Internal Allocation FAQ

The allocation of rooms during the renovation year will be conducted in two steps:
1. A first room type allocation that determines the room type (efficiency, double, quad) for the two phases of the renovation project (starts Feb. 2015)
2. A second room number allocation that allocates the room numbers within the types allocated in the first lottery (Late April 2015)

Who is eligible to enter the internal room allocation?

- Current SP residents with continuing status
- Second year officers who have received a Housemaster recommendation for continuing status

Timeline

- February 16: Room type allocation opens
- March 1: Room type allocation closes
- March 6: Room type assignments sent to applicants
- March 23: Deadline for response to Room type assignments
  - The Doubles Waiting List for moving out of quads into doubles opens
- Late April: Room number allocations are made

How does the room type allocation work?

- Allocation is based on seniority points of each individual
- If two residents have the same number of seniority points, a random generator chooses order of assignment using housing’s sorting algorithm
- Residents with continuing status who complete an allocation application are guaranteed an assignment in SP. If the resident only partially completes an application, he or she will NOT be considered for the allocation.
- If a resident misses the deadline for the room type allocation and is interested in living in Sidney Pacific, they can email housing and will be handled on a case by case basis.
- Residents will be asked if they would like a room for one phase or both phases. Any student that asks for an assignment for one phase of the project will only be entered into the allocation for the phase they indicate on their application.
● Residents who have entered a completed allocation application will have two weeks to accept their room type assignment for each phase of the project. Residents assigned a room type in the allocation will have the following options for their room type assignment for EACH phase entered:
  ○ Accept the room type.
  ○ Accept a quad assignment and enter into the Doubles Waiting List.
  ○ Decline the room type. The student will be leaving SP for that phase.

**Is it possible to move to a double if one becomes vacant later in the year?**

● A waiting list for doubles will be opened after the room type allocation results are released and will remain open until September 30, 2015. Residents who accepted a quad but would prefer to be in a double will be ranked by their seniority points. Residents who did not enter the allocation but seek to stay after the allocation are not given priority in the waiting list.

**How do I know my seniority points ranking?**

● A resident can check their current seniority points at: https://s-p.mit.edu/myacct/lottery/check_senioritypts.php (certificates required)
● A distribution of the seniority points of eligible SP residents is available on the SP website.
Distribution of rooms in SP in 2014/2015:

- In the South side, there are 188 two-room apartments and 134 efficiency apartments.
- In the North side, there are 107 two-room apartments and 10 efficiency apartments.

How do I choose a roommate?

- Roommates of the same room type can be chosen in the room number allocation.

What is the discount on rent for next year?

- Off next year’s rent, quads will have a 20% discount.
- Off next year’s rent, all other rooms will have a 15% discount.

Who do I contact for more information?

- For any questions, email sp-hvac-committee@mit.edu (this will reach the student committee in SP, not any Housing administrators) or sidpachvac@mit.edu (this will reach Housing administrators, not the student committee).