

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** in **two rounds** 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 (End of 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: Round 1 of room type allocation closes
- March 9: Room type assignments sent to applicants
- March 23: Deadline for response to Round 1 assignments
Round 2 room type allocation opens
- March 29: Round 2 room type allocation closes
- April 1-4: Room type assignments for Round 2 sent to applicants
The Doubles Waiting List for moving out of quads into doubles opens
- April 15-17: Last day to accept or decline Round 2 room type allocation in SP
- 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 Round 1 and is interested in living in Sidney Pacific, he/she can choose to enter Round 2 of the room type allocation and will be assigned space after residents who completed the application for Round 1.

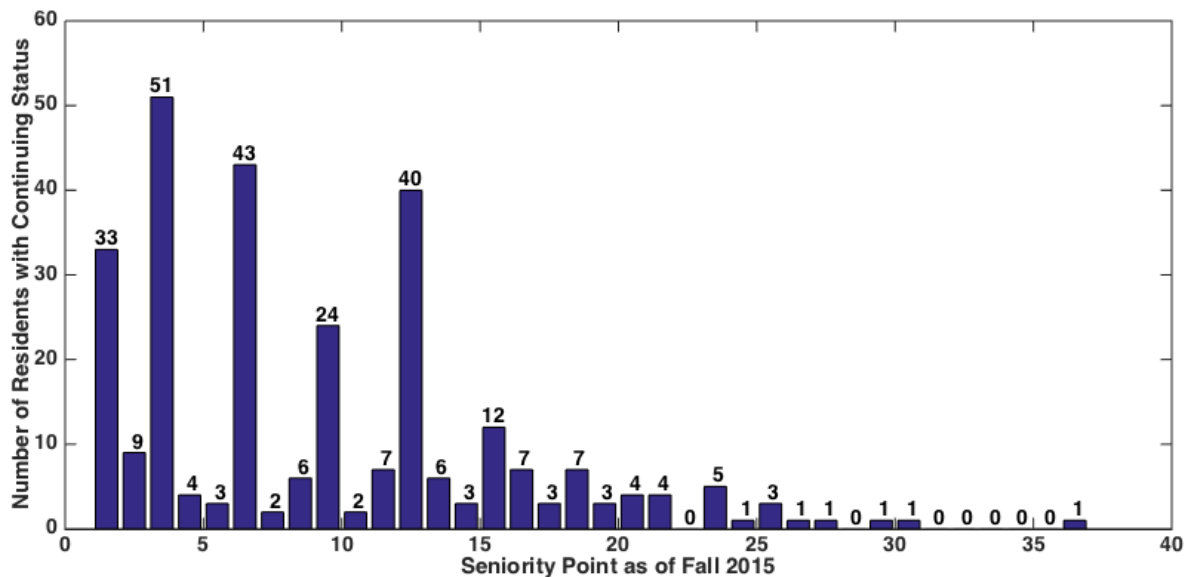
- Residents will be asked if they would like a room for one phase or both phases. Any student that asks for an assignment for one phase of the project will only be entered into the allocation for the phase they indicate on their application.
- Residents who have entered a completed allocation application for Round 1 will have two weeks to accept their room type assignment for each phase of the project. The residents will have the following options for accepting or declining their room type assignment for EACH phase entered:
 - Accept the room type.
 - Decline the room type and enter into Round 2 for a different room type.
 - Decline the room type without entering into Round 2. This means the student will be moving out of SP for this phase.
- Residents assigned a room type in Round 2 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 Round 2 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).

Example Scenarios

Scenario 1

Let's take a hypothetical situation of Alice. During the Room Type Allocation, Round 1, Alice is assigned a room type of quad for Phase II. Alice doesn't mind living in a quad -- she wants to remain in Sidney Pacific and would like the lower rent, so she accepts. Therefore, for the upcoming Phase II, Alice will be living in a quad with three other residents. Because she has accepted a quad voluntarily, this room will remain a quad, even if her roommates decide to move out later.

Scenario 2

Let's take a hypothetical situation of Bob. During the Room Type Allocation, Round 1, Bob is assigned a room type of quad for Phase II. Bob declines the offer and requests to be entered in Round 2. In Round 2, Bob is again assigned a quad for Phase II. Bob declines the quad. This means that Bob is no longer guaranteed a spot in SP for Phase II. He cannot participate in the Room Number Allocation for Phase II (for an actual room number assignment in SP).

Scenario 3

Let's take a hypothetical situation of Charles. During the Room Type Allocation, Round 1, Charles is assigned a room type of quad for Phase II. Charles declines the offer and requests to be entered in Round 2 for another room type. In Round 2, Charles is again assigned a quad. Charles would like to remain in Sidney Pacific, so he accepts a quad assignment. Charles also requests to be put on a Double Waiting List, so that if a spot becomes available in a double, he can transfer out of his quad.