

# HOUSING AND RELOCATION ADVICE

When looking at positions outside of your area, you can tell if you would receive a moving stipend if the post has wording similar to “Relocation assistance may be available.” Some companies have a certain mile-limit on providing assistance. For example, if you have to move less than 50 miles for the job, they will not provide relocation money. Many internship postings at larger companies have similar language and opportunities. We at the CDC have put together some suggestions and resources to assist you in relocating.

## Know/ask if the relocation money is “tax-assisted” or not.

Tax assisted lump-sum money is when the company says “we are giving you \$4,000 and you will get all of that money.” If it is not tax-assisted, the \$4,000 would be taxed and you would only get a portion of that money.

## Company Resources

Some companies have business partners where you can get a good deal on a condo/apartment. Larger companies may have deals with car rental services, allowing you to rent a vehicle under the age of 25 and at a discounted rate. Be sure to ask the Human Resources representatives at the company if they have any resources to assist with the relocation.

## Company Contacts

If you previously interned at the company, talk with friends from the company to see if they have any suggestions for area resources to use to find housing. If you know anyone else who will be working at the company, you might consider asking them if they would be willing to split a rental or sub-let with you.

## Do Your Research

Use websites like [money.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living](https://money.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living) and [cost-of-living.careertrends.com](https://cost-of-living.careertrends.com) to explore cost of living.

- Research individual neighborhoods in terms of cost, convenience, safety, etc.
- Search “things to know before moving to \_\_\_\_\_” to find past discussions you might find useful
- Check out the local news stories to see what is going on in that town/city

## Graduate School

Some schools have their own websites to search for housing opportunities posted by community members, including students living together looking for additional roommates.

- Check the admissions website for information on housing
- Current graduate students may be willing to check out potential houses/apartments for you if you are unable to visit in person prior to moving
- Some graduate programs offer a one-time bonus your first year to assist with relocation expenses

## Website Resources

- [trulia.com](https://www.trulia.com)
- [zillow.com](https://www.zillow.com)
- [craigslist.org](https://www.craigslist.org)

