



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME “VIVIR EN MURCIA”

The International Relations Service of the University of Murcia (SRI) began the accommodation programme “*Vivir en Murcia*” (“Living in Murcia” (Vimur)) in order to **help** and assist students who come to our university to look for accommodation. These students come to us through international mobility programmes. The service is also available to students studying Spanish for Foreigners Courses in this University.

### **1. THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE VIA “VIMUR” OFFERS TWO OPTIONS**

#### **OPTION A:**

If you choose this option, it means that you have decided to look for accommodation **on your own** once you are in Murcia. In this case, you can reserve a hostel room for you downtown at an affordable price for the first days of your stay by selecting YES on PROVISIONAL ACCOMMODATION in our accommodation form found on the webpage. The payment to the hostel will be made upon arrival. If you wish, you can visit our office where we will advise you about how to find accommodation around the city and we will provide you with useful information on flats and other options available, so that you can contact the owners directly.

#### **OPTION B:**

If you choose this option, it means that you have decided that **at your arrival in Murcia, the SRI will have reserved a room for you in a shared student flat or that you will be staying with a family. Therefore, all the arrangements will have been made so that on the day that you arrive you can go directly to the flat.**

Within this option you can choose:

- Sharing a flat with other students
- Renting a flat on your own (you find your flatmates)
- Living with a family.

All available offers for next academic year will be posted in May on the programme's web page <http://vimur.um.es>, although it is always advisable to contact us as soon as possible so as to ensure that your application form will be dealt with without any issues. On the above-sited Web site you will find the prices for every kind of accommodation.



## **2. HOW TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**

Once you have decided on either Option A or B and on the number of the offer that interests you, **you must fill in the application form on the web page.**

To be able to reserve a place for you it is necessary to apply with our "accommodation form". On this application you must state your preferred option. Should you choose option B, you must state the reference number of the flat.

The reservation will be organised by the International Relations Office (SRI) and accommodations will be assigned on a rolling basis, so we would suggest you include more than one option in the "reference number" section.

When we receive your application, we will first check that those options you applied for are still available, and then make the reservation straight away.

Once your place has been reserved we will inform and provide you with the owner's contact details, so you can be in touch with him/her before your arrival. Afterwards, you will have to contact us once again to confirm that you have reached an agreement with the landlord. That way, we will be able to update our accommodation database.

To make sure that the process is as smooth as possible and there are free rooms you need to contact us **no later than July**. If you cannot contact us during this period, you can still do it later and if there are rooms still available we will try to reserve one for you.

**If you do not choose either option or if you do not contact us, the SRI can assist you upon arrival by giving you some advice on places where accommodation offers can be usually found.**

**Please remember that the SRI will try to HELP students find a place to live but we are not obligated to provide you with accommodation.**

## **3. FUNCTIONING OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE IN THE ACCOMMODATION PROCESS**

Our only role is that of mediator between both parties, contacting owners and making reservations, and we will always take your interests into account. Once you have made your reservation and we have confirmed that everything has been arranged for your arrival, the SRI will have completed its task and will have achieved the programme's aim. If you are not satisfied with the accommodation offered, you should contact the owner or administrator and discuss the matter with him.



#### **4. STUDENTS IN SECOND SEMESTER AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

Should your stay in Murcia be less than one semester, perhaps during the second semester, or should you have special needs regarding accommodation, we suggest you contact us **at least two months before your arrival**, since the search for accommodation will be more complicated in that period of time.

#### **5. CONTACT US**

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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