

# FAIRNESS FOR STUDENTS

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## Housing

Ontario is in the midst of a housing crisis. In 2017 alone, the cost of a home increased by nearly 16 per cent across the province and rental vacancy rates dropped to the lowest level in nearly two decades.

Students are particularly vulnerable to housing shortages. With limited availability on many campuses, landlords abuse their power by placing students in unlicensed rooming spaces, prematurely terminating their tenancy and arbitrarily increasing rent.

The inability to secure safe, affordable and accessible housing is an issue that disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, in particular, people living with disabilities, racialized people, Queer and Trans people, First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, all of whom are more likely to live below the poverty line.

### Quick Facts



**170,000** | the household waitlist for affordable housing in Ontario.



**13,600** | the number of people on the affordable housing waitlist in Toronto.



**\$1,044** | average monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Ontario in 2017.

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## Students Respond

Across the province, students are pressuring their institutions and the government to deal with the housing crisis through local campaigns and Federation lobbying efforts. Students are asking the question of what responsibility institutions should have beyond the campus to ensure they have a safe and secure place to live. At the same time, students are working with coalition partners, such as the Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario, to advocate for affordable rental housing and programs to create spaces for low-income households in new developments.

## Students Mobilize

Recognizing that housing is a fundamental right and a social determinant of health, students are calling on the government to invest in affordable housing citing its economic and social benefits to our communities.

Join students across the province as we call for:

- 1 Increased on campus-housing.**
- 2 Public investments in co-operative housing.**
- 3 A landlord licensing structure that requires private landlords to maintain adequate and on-time repairs and respect tenants' rights.**

To ensure that in this election housing becomes a key priority, contact your local candidates to share these demands.