

Evidence for THE Impact Rankings Questionnaire

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Cyprus International University (CIU) is committed to ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education by directly addressing a key barrier: housing affordability. In alignment with **SDG 11**, CIU implements a multi-faceted strategy to provide safe, convenient, and below-market-rate accommodation for its student body. Our approach encompasses direct housing provision, targeted financial support, and a clear evaluation of affordability to ensure student success and well-being.

Affordable Housing for Students

CIU operates extensive, university-owned dormitories to directly control the quality, safety, and cost of student living.

- **Scale of Operation:** The university provides **over 2.790 beds** across multiple on-campus dormitories, offering a range of options from single to quadruple occupancy to suit different budgets.
- **Guaranteed Availability:** Priority for affordable on-campus housing is given to international students and first-year students, ensuring a smooth transition and a secure living environment.
- **All-Inclusive Amenities:** Housing costs include utilities (water, electricity), high-speed Wi-Fi, 24/7 security, and access to common areas, laundry facilities, and study rooms, providing exceptional value.

With a total capacity of 2790 beds and seven different accommodation choices in 18 different buildings, residence halls are within walking distance of all campus functions.



There are two main types of residence halls at CIU: studios and apartments. Studios usually do not have kitchens, except where shared kitchen facilities are available. All apartments come with a kitchen and a shared living room. Free high-speed internet connection, telephone, and mini refrigerator are available in all residence halls. Rooms and common areas are cleaned regularly. Fully furnished single, double, or quadruple studio rooms have central heating, and some offer air conditioning. Apartments provide single and double rooms in 2 and 3-bedroom flats.

Evaluating and Ensuring Affordability

CIU's housing strategy is explicitly designed to be financially accessible, with affordability measured against several benchmarks:

- **Below-Market Rates:** A comparative analysis confirms that CIU dormitory fees are consistently **20-30% lower** than equivalent private rental options in the surrounding Nicosia area when factoring in included utilities and amenities.
- **All-Inclusive Pricing:** The consolidated cost of on-campus living eliminates hidden expenses, providing students and their families with a predictable and manageable housing budget.
- **Transparent Cost Structure:** All housing fees are published clearly and in advance on the official CIU website, allowing for transparent financial planning.

Comprehensive Financial Support Programs

Understanding that direct provision must be coupled with financial aid, CIU offers robust support mechanisms to bridge affordability gaps.

- **Integrated Work-Study Programs:** CIU facilitates on-campus employment opportunities, allowing students to earn income to directly offset their accommodation and living expenses.
- **Flexible Payment Plans:** To ease the financial burden, the university provides structured installment plans for housing fees, diverging from a single lump-sum payment requirement.

Building Name & Type	WC-Shower			Central Heatin	Air Condition	Satellite	TV	Internet	Bed	Fridge	Generator	Sharing Kitcher	Meal Option
	In Room	2 Room Sharing	Per. Apart.										
Soli - Single Room	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Soli - Double Room	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
2 Person Studio Lambusa/Bufavento	*			*		*	*	*	*	*	*		*
2 Person Studio Vuni/Hilarion		*		*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2 Person Studio Kantara		*		*				*	*	*	*	*	*
2 Person Studio New Dormitory	*			*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*
4 Person Studio Lambusa/Bufavento	*			*		*	*	*	*	*	*		*
4 Person Studio Vuni/Hilarion	*			*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 Person Studio Kantara	*			*				*	*	*	*	*	*
3 Person Apartment (3 Single Person)			*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 Person Apartment (2 Twin Bedrooms)			*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6 Person Apartment (3 Twin Bedrooms)			*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

A discounted package program, which includes tuition, room, and board, is available. Residence Halls are located centrally with easy access to the library, supermarket, laundry facilities, CIU Arena, mini cinema, various cafes, and social hangouts.

There is no recognized affordability index in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. However, we measure and compare our dormitory prices to those within the region (yearly fee).

	CIU (yearly) / per person	Average in Nicosia (annually) / per person
2 Person Dormitory	1050 Euro + VAT (10%)	2,875 Euro
4 Person Dormitory	690 Euro + VAT (10%)	1,437 Euro
3 Person Apartment	770 Euro + VAT (10%)	1,916 Euro

- The annual 3-course daily meal (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) plan for CIU students is 1750 euros. Students who buy the 3-course meal package and accommodation are offered a 10 percent discount.

For more information, please visit CIU's Accommodation page:

<https://www.ciu.edu.tr/en/student-life/accommodation>

Impact and Commitment to Student Well-being

This strategic focus on affordable housing directly contributes to the UN's goal of making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. By reducing the financial stress associated with housing, CIU:

- **Promotes Academic Success:** Provides a stable and supportive living environment conducive to learning.
- **Fosters Social Inclusion:** Creates a vibrant, integrated campus community where students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds can thrive.
- **Ensures Student Safety:** Offers secure, on-campus accommodation with dedicated support services.

Cyprus International University views affordable student housing not as a mere service, but as a fundamental component of its educational mission and its commitment to SDG 11. Through the direct provision of cost-controlled residences, coupled with targeted financial aid, CIU actively removes barriers to education and invests in the holistic well-being and success of its student community.