

# Columbia University Housing Information and Referral Service

The Housing Information and Referral Service provides individualized consultations on renting or purchasing apartments and homes within commuting distance of Columbia University campuses. The Service is available to faculty, including faculty being recruited to the University, and all Columbia University employees.

Services include:

### **General Real Estate and Housing Information**

- Metropolitan New York area overview
- Housing challenges in the New York area
- Neighborhood information for NYC, Westchester, New Jersey, and other areas
- Definition of real estate terminology
- Issues of buying vs. renting
- Information and contacts for realtors, attorneys, inspectors and other real estate professionals
- Workshops on a variety of housing-related topics

#### The Provost's Faculty Housing Assistance Program

• Eligibility and Requirements, including Dean approval

#### **Rental Options**

- Landlord and managing agent information
- Lease information
- Tenant information
- Short term and temporary housing options

#### **Purchasing Options**

- The process of purchasing a property
- Mortgage information and options
- Affinity Lending Program

## Additional information on website (www.worklife.columbia.edu/housing-relocation):

- •Green housing •Local hotels in NYC •Affordable housing •Senior housing
- •Housing for persons with disabilities

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