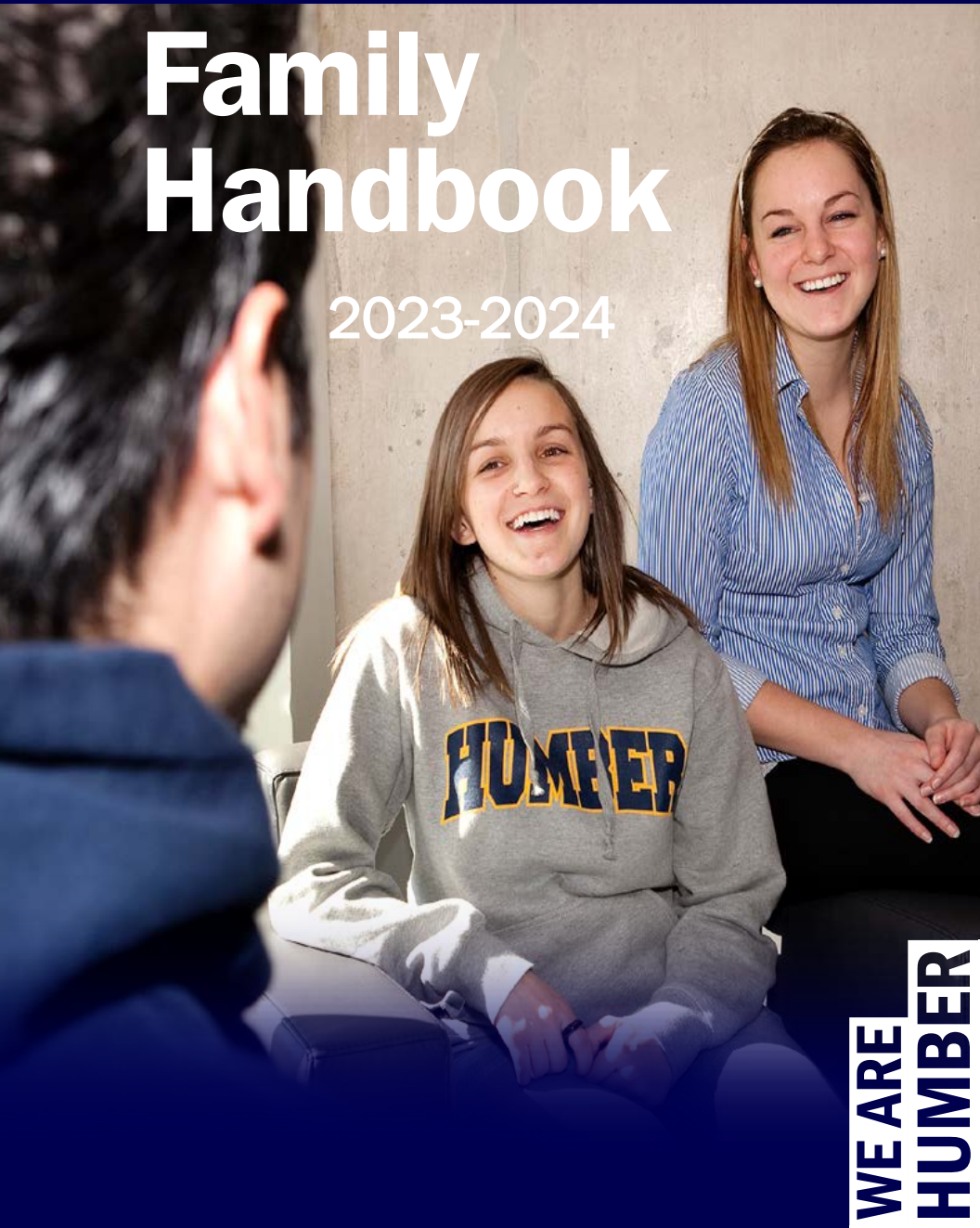


STUDENT RESIDENCE

Family Handbook

2023-2024



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HUMBER RESIDENCE FAMILY HANDBOOK

At Humber Residence, we address everything to the student, not the parent. It is the student's responsibility to contact their family if they require assistance. This is the first real step towards independent living. Parents and families can help make this transition smoother by encouraging their student to get involved on campus and to be familiar with the residence rules and regulations. Consequences for not following campus or residence rules can be very serious and may include fines and potential eviction. Visit the residence website at <http://humber.ca/residence/> for more information so you can help guide your student.



Confidentiality

At Humber Residences our first and utmost priority is the comfort, safety, and academic success of our students. Though you will play an integral role in your student's collegial journey, it is important for all parents to understand that Humber Residences has entered into a contractual agreement with our students – and not parents. Humber Residence falls under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and therefore we are not able to share personal, educational, financial, or disciplinary information with parents or guardians without the expressed written consent of our residents.

Getting Involved

Living in residence will be one of the most memorable experiences of your student's collegiate career. There are many opportunities for our residents to get involved in residence, from attending a program in residence, to running for a Humber Residence Council (HRC) position. Living on campus also makes it easier to participate in the many events and activities happening on campus. There is a vast array of research that links higher levels of on campus involvements to greater levels of student satisfaction and success. Encourage your student to get involved!

Requesting Room Repairs

Sometimes we receive calls from parents asking us to fix something in their student's room. While we appreciate that parents are trying to help their student, we require a formal request from the resident in order to complete repairs, as in most cases we will need to enter the resident's room to complete the work. Please refer your student to our work order system on the residence portal to report any concerns with their room or to the front desk for more urgent issues (i.e. a leak).

Winter Break Residence Closure

All students must vacate the residence by 12:00p.m. on December 18, 2023 for the Mid-Year Break until the residence reopens at 10:00a.m. on January 6, 2024 as outlined in the Room and Dining Agreement. Residents with exceptional circumstances may apply to extend their stay from 12:00pm on December 18 to 10:00a.m. on December 20, and from 12:00p.m. on January 3 to 10:00am on January 6 at an additional nightly rate. An application will be available mid-October and must be submitted to the Residence Office no later than December 10. Residents will not have access to their rooms during the campus closure for the Mid-Year Break. The residence office will reopen at 12:00p.m. on January 3, 2024.



Residence Bursaries

Chartwells, our food services provider, has generously contributed funding so we may award bursaries valued between \$500 and \$1000 to new and returning residents. These bursaries are awarded primarily on financial need. Academic standing and positive contributions in residence and on campus are also considered. Domestic and international residents are eligible for Chartwells bursaries and must submit a bursary application to be considered.

Support for Residents on Campus

Transitioning and acclimating to college can be a very stressful and sometimes overwhelming time in your student's life. It is not uncommon for college students to struggle with homesickness, maintaining a healthy-balanced lifestyle, academic anxiety, and depression. Humber College offers many resources to help students improve and maintain their health and well-being.

Resident Assistants live on each floor and their primary role is to support our residents. Resident Assistants go through an extensive two-week training program and are equipped to link our residents with whatever resources are needed (Counselling Services, Career Counselling, Health Services, etc). We strongly encourage our residents to utilize their Resident Assistants. A full-time professional Residence Life Coordinator also lives in the building with our residents and is available 24/7 as a resource and in case of emergencies.

Contacting Your Student

Your student may at times be in close contact with you and at other times may get caught up in studies and/or social time and forget to call or email you as often as you'd like. Going to college/university is an exciting time for your student, and often students become so wrapped up in this new stage of their lives that it does not occur to them that you may be concerned if they don't respond to your calls. If you've already tried to call or text your student, here are some suggestions that may help when your student drops off your radar:

1. Social Media – Try sending them a message on Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, or their other preferred social media. Have they posted anything or updated their status recently?

OSAP and Other Provincial Aid

Humber students' OSAP or other provincial aid funds are expected to be directed to the College. Humber students whose provincial aid was mistakenly directed to their personal bank accounts are responsible for paying Humber immediately. Guelph-Humber students who receive provincial aid must pay Guelph-Humber any amount not covered no later than August 18 for the first residence fee installment and December 8 for the second installment.

Sometimes when such a large amount of money is deposited into a student's bank account, they will be thrilled with their newfound wealth and go about spending the money with great joy, only to realize later that this money was intended for tuition and residence, leaving them borrowing from friends and family to pay their outstanding fees. Families can help avoid this situation by advising their student to confirm with the Registrar's Office, or on their MyHumber account (for Humber students), their WebAdvisor account (for Guelph-Humber students), that all fees have been paid before they start spending the money that has been deposited into their bank account.

Late Fees

Students who do not pay their residence fees or defer their fees by the published deadlines (see the chart below) will be charged an additional \$100 late fee each term. Please remind your student to pay their fees on time and keep an extra \$100 in their pocket.

2. Email – Sometimes cell phones get lost or batteries die, so try sending an email. Often students have more than one email address, so you may want to try all of them.

3. If you have serious concerns about your student's health or safety, you can call our 24 hour front desk. Although due to privacy legislation, we cannot share any information about our students with anyone but the student, appropriate staff will assess the concern and follow up accordingly, including encouraging your student to contact you as soon as possible. It is important to note that student check-ins are conducted only in the event of a significant concern.

2023-24 Important Dates

August 27

Move in Day for first year residents

August 27- September 10

Residence and campus welcome events

August 28 - September 1

Humber Academic Orientation

September 1

Returning residents may begin moving in

September 5

Classes begin

November 13

Second (final) payment due for residence fees

December

Residence Life Staff recruitment begins

December 18

Last day for residents to leave for the Mid-Year Break (by 12:00p.m.)

January 6

Residence re-opens after Mid-Year Break at 10:00a.m.

January

Winter Orientation (College) and Frost Week (Residence) events scheduled

February

Returning resident application process begins

April 22

Last day for residents to move out (by 12:00p.m.)