We offer here some initial results from a model housing questionnaire offered to University of Maine Graduate Students.

See an interactive version of these initial results at (it will be continually updated):

http://tinyurl.com/UMaineHousingResults

**Respondent Demographics:**

Gender-Balanced  
20% International Students  
Ave Age: 28  
Masters Students: 58%  
PhD Students: 41%  
Non-Degree Students: 1%

**Result Highlights:**

*Currently 10% of respondents live on campus*  
*Greater than 70% of respondents expressed willingness to move onto campus*

**There is potential to increase the number of graduate students living on campus.** Indeed, graduate students rate proximity to campus second only to cost in influencing their housing choices. In planning future construction, graduate student housing is a potential source of revenue. More than 73% of respondents indicated that they had trouble finding acceptable housing or are currently living in a place they do not like. Less than 15% utilized any University Housing Services information to locate their residence. Increasing information to new graduate students would be likely to have strong returns.

- Graduate Students desire a **private apartment** to live in alone or **share with a spouse or partner** – 42% currently live with a partner  
- “Dorm-style” is a pejorative used by a number of respondents  
- Students are willing to pay an average of **$654/month** for their housing.

**13 Graduate Students are willing to be involved in on-going discussion to housing planning** – There is talent, information and energy here that might be tapped to help align housing offerings with the needs of the University of Maine’s customers.