St. Louis has 79 neighborhoods. Each has a distinct feel, from unique traditions, to dining destinations, to outdoor spaces.

To help in your housing search, we’re highlighting 10 of the most popular neighborhoods for Brown School students (ranked in no particular order). Additional details about these districts are available on the second page.
THE LOOP
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 1 mile (20 min walk)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 10 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: < 10 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: A stalwart of St. Louis cultural destinations, the Delmar Loop has been ranked one of the 10 Great Streets in America by the American Planning Association. Live here for the convenient commute to campus, plus the nightlife, buskers, restaurants and coffee shops, movie theatre, music venues and bookstores that make this street a St. Louis icon.

SKINKER DEBALIVIERE
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 1 mile (20 min walk)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: < 10 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 5 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Largely residential, this tree-lined district of historic brick buildings is vintage St. Louis. On a direct bus line to campus, Skinker DeBaliviere offers a quick commute to the Brown School. Forest Park is a short walk away, giving you direct access to a host of free museums, a six-mile bike or jogging loop, and signature outdoor events.

CENTRAL WEST END
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 3 miles (60 min walk)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 20 - 30 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 10 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: The Central West End is a bustling hub of residential spaces, restaurants, movie theaters, shops, museums and galleries. This neighborhood is home to Washington University's School of Medicine and its many research opportunities for Brown School students. Live here for the direct line of public transit to campus, as well as the capacity to have practical amenities and rich cultural opportunities in one walkable grid.

FOREST PARK SOUTHEAST/THE GROVE
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 4 miles (20 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 30 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 10 - 15 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: The Grove is an energetic neighborhood of beer halls and breweries, comedy clubs, yoga studios, cabaret, coffee, music venues, and record shops. The Grove is the hub for St. Louis Pride Fest and celebrations throughout the year. From here, an easy bike ride through Forest Park offers a superlatively scenic route to campus.

DOWNTOWN
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 8 miles (30 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 30 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 15 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: For those who wish to live among a skyline (and the world's most famous arch), downtown living places you in the city's business and financial districts. It also keeps you a short walk away from the magnificent St. Louis Public Library, City Garden and, if you’re one for sports, the homes to the St. Louis Cardinals and Blues.

TOWER GROVE EAST
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 8 miles (35 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 45 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 20 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: This residential district precisely identifies as “rich in community spirit and architectural splendor.” Home to one of few remaining St. Louis water towers, visitors flock to Tower Grove East on full moons to climb to the top for a small ticket fee. From here, the route to Tower Grove Park or renowned international dining hub on South Grand is walkable.

TOWER GROVE SOUTH
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 7 miles (35 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 45-60 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 20 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Beautiful brick, an engaged neighborhood association, and streets lined with magnolia trees are hallmarks of this neighborhood. Live here for the access to Tower Grove Park or the enviable proximity to South Grand’s dining district and Cherokee Street—a beacon for the St. Louis arts community.

SHAW
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 6 miles (30 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 35-50 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 15-20 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Residential brick buildings, tree-lined streets, and a stroll away from Tower Grove Park and the Missouri Botanical Garden. Students, young families and those that have lived in the neighborhood for generations make their home in this affordably priced community where neighborhood pride runs high. From April to October, make the weekend trek to Tower Grove Farmers’ Market part of your routine.

SOUTHWEST GARDENS
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 5 miles (30 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 40-60 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: approx 15-20 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Next door to the Botanical Garden and near local-haunt World’s Fair Donuts, this charming residential neighborhood offers affordably priced studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments ideal for graduate students. A quick walk to Tower Grove Park.

CLAYTON-TAMM/DOGTDOWN
DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: approx 2 miles (10 min bike ride)
COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT: approx 20-30 minutes
COMMUTE TIME - CAR: < 10 minutes
CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Known across St. Louis for its St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Dogtown is largely residential with a handful of breweries and sandwich shops. Within walking distance are all the free outdoor and cultural amenities of Forest Park. A convenient commute to campus is an additional perk of this bungalow-lined neighborhood.

Washington University’s Apartment Referral Services (ARS) provides information and resources to help you with your housing needs. ARS can guide you in locating housing, finding a roommate, or understanding your tenant rights. Learn more at ars.wustl.edu