St. Louis is often referred to as a city of neighborhoods—a city of 79 neighborhoods to be exact. Each district has a proud and distinct set of traditions: annual events and festivals, parks and farmers markets, dining destinations and spaces where the community gathers.

To help your housing search, we’re featuring 10 of the most popular neighborhoods for Brown School students (ranked in no particular order). Additional details about these 10 districts are available on the second page.

1: THE LOOP
2: SKINKER-DEBALIVIERE
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7: TOWER GROVE SOUTH
8: SHAW
9: SOUTHWEST GARDENS
10: CLAYTON-TAMM/DOGTOWN
1. **THE LOOP**

**DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS:** approx 1 mile (20 min walk)
**COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT:** approx 10 minutes
**COMMUTE TIME - CAR:** < 10 minutes

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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—not to forget the nightlife, buskers, restaurants and coffee shops, movie theatre, music venues and bookstores that make this street a St. Louis icon.

2. **SKINKER DEBALIVIERE**

**DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS:** approx 1 mile (20 min walk)
**COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT:** < 10 minutes
**COMMUTE TIME - CAR:** approx 5 minutes

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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.

3. **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

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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.

4. **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

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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.

5. **DOWNTOWN**

**DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS:** approx 8 miles (35 min bike ride)
**COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT:** approx 30 minutes
**COMMUTE TIME - CAR:** approx 15 minutes

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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 positions you a short walk away from the magnificent St. Louis Public Library, City Garden and, if you’re one for sports, the homes of the St. Louis Cardinals and Blues.

6. **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

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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.

7. **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

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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.

8. **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

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** 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.

9. **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

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** Next door to the Botanical Garden and 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, and a stone’s throw from the famous Italian fare served on the St. Louis Hill.

10. **CLAYTON-TAMM/DOG TOWN**

**DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS:** approx 2 miles (10 min bike ride)
**COMMUTE TIME - PUBLIC TRANSIT:** approx 20-30 minutes
**COMMUTE TIME - CAR:** < 10 minutes

**A NEIGHBORHOOD SYNOPSIS:** Known across St. Louis for its St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Dogtown is largely residential with a handful of restaurants and pubs. Within walking distance are all the free outdoor and cultural amenities of Forest Park and the iconic Hi-Pointe theater. A convenient commute to campus is an additional perk of this bungalow-lined neighborhood.

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