

# BROWN COLLEGE

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“Brown is a place where you can be who you really are.”  
Carl Trindle, former Brown College Principal

Brown Residential College is located in between Newcomb Hall and McCormick Road on Monroe Hill. It is made up of a dozen interconnected buildings called “portals.” Living units in each portal include two connected singles and one bathroom, as well as access to study rooms, lounges, and a communal kitchen. If you live in Brown, you get a large room to yourself, air conditioning, a prime location in Central Grounds, cool public spaces, and our own dining room in Newcomb Hall.

But enough about creature comforts. What you really want to know is “Why Brown?”

That quote is a little corny, but it is also pretty accurate. Unlike other residential colleges, Brown doesn’t have a mission statement. Instead, Brown aims to build an inclusive living and learning community. The university is a big place, and we like to have somewhere to call home. Our residents represent every major and interest, but we are all united by Brown.

Activities, planned and impromptu, held by residents and elected members of our student government called GovBoard are always happening. Our lounges give rise to all kinds of shenanigans, sometimes productive, sometimes less so. Movie showings are frequent, as is our weekly late night cafe. Other times you can find our residents holding spontaneous hang outs, playing video games, studying, or simply relaxing.

Brown prioritizes resident autonomy and facilitating engaging experiences through our nationally recognized system of student governance. Social Co-Chairs throw countless exciting events, from semi-formals to a giant carnival. ACES Co-Chairs bring residents to athletic and artistic events or host their own, and hold culture-embracing events like Cultural Potluck and entertainment inspired events like Oscars Watch Party. Hauntings, our annual haunted house for charity, is also organized by residents. Our Governance Board encompasses these and many more positions.

Brown also has a dedicated group of professors and graduate students called faculty fellows. Additionally, we maintain strong relationships with our alumni and invite a series of visiting fellows each semester. Our fellows deliver amazing events and meaningful interactions, from lectures and luncheons to hikes and performances, exclusively for residents, and our alumni consistently provide guidance and networking opportunities to current and past residents.

How can you tell if Brown will be a good match? Our application is our calling card. If you want to live with the people who wrote these sorts of questions, apply!

This application was written and will be read by current Brown residents. We aren’t a college admissions board; we aren’t interested in your resume or GPA. We’re more interested in your creativity and what you want to bring to our community. Be yourself, but be your best self. We’d love to meet you!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST COMPLETE PART ONE OF THE APPLICATION THROUGH THE UVA HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE WEBSITE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION TO BROWN COLLEGE.**

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**YOU HAVE REACHED PART TWO OF THE BROWN COLLEGE APPLICATION.**

The following information is **required**, but they will be used solely for administrative purposes. Your answers to these questions are confidential and will only be shared with the Brown College Membership team and UVA Housing:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to the Brown College community that students of all gender identities feel accepted and comfortable with their housing assignments. The floors of Brown College are separated between the resident's preferred gender housing. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to have further conversations about your answer to this question, please contact [bcmembership@virginia.edu](mailto:bcmembership@virginia.edu). The floor you indicate will not be considered during application scoring. With this in mind, please indicate below the floor you would like to live on:

Floor:            Male            Female

Current Status (choose one):

Current Year: 1 2 3

Other:

UVA Computing ID: (e.g. abc1de) \_\_\_\_\_

Stable Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS:

**PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR NAME, PICTURE, OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING MATERIAL IN YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.** If you include any attachments with your application, make sure to label them with your UVA computing ID (e.g. abc1de) – but note that we cannot return any part of your application to you.

You may **submit** your application online. To submit online, please compile your application into a single PDF file with your computing ID as the filename (e.g. abc1de.pdf).

Please submit your application via our [online submission form](#). Note that you must be logged into your UVA email account in order to access the form. If you are unable to access the form, please email your application to [bcmembership@virginia.edu](mailto:bcmembership@virginia.edu) by the deadline. You must submit your application by the date indicated by UVA Housing.

If you are selected for Brown College, you will be notified by UVA Housing. You can find detailed information on the selection process at Brown's website: <https://browncollege.virginia.edu/apply-live-brown-college>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [bcmembership@virginia.edu](mailto:bcmembership@virginia.edu).

Please answer ONE question in each of the following sets and complete all sections. Do not feel limited by the space provided.

Question 1 – ABOUT YOU

- A. Tell us why you, specifically, deserve to be exempt from federal income taxes.
- B. Where do you see yourself in one day?
- C. Describe the mythical journey you would take to recreate your favorite meal from scratch.
- D. Why are you that guy?

Question 2 – ABOUT BROWN

- A. Something's crawling on top of the pipes. Check it out, and tell us what's up there!
- B. How do we put Brown on the moon?
- C. You're in the tunnels, and the power goes out. What do you do?
- D. Tapeman has escaped! Where did he go, and how do you get him home?

## YOUR SPACE

This space is yours; please use it as you wish. Feel free to write, draw, attach objects, or anything else as long as your identity is not revealed.

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Question 3 - CREATIVITY

- A. There is a goblin beneath your bed. Set a trap for it.
- B. You are a half-peeled banana trapped in the dining hall overnight. How do you escape?
- C. Woah there, bucko! What is that squirrel doing, and why is he tailless? Explain in exactly 200 words.
- D. You are pondering your orb. What do you see?

Question 4 – WHY BROWN?

Brown is for the interesting and the interested. Why do you want to live in Brown?

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