DC Living Guide for Fellows

Immersing yourself in the greatest parts of DC

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The following information has been gathered from past and current Knauss fellows. These lists are not exhaustive and DC changes quickly, so some of these suggestions may not be complete or current. New suggestions are always welcome.
Housing Tips

“I lived with two other Knauss fellows and one did the searching and found a great 3 bedroom for us. We lived in Columbia Heights, not far from the metro station. I recommend Columbia Heights, Meridian Hill area, Mt. Pleasant, parts of up and coming Petworth.”

“I lived with college friends already in the area. Those fellows new to the area should avoid neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River in SE. Good neighborhoods: Columbia Heights, Mount Pleasant, U. St., 14th St., Logan Circle, Shaw, Petworth, Bloomington, Eckington, NOMA, Woodley Park, Cleveland Park, Capitol Hill, Eastern Market.”

“I live right near that Van Ness metro station on the Red Line in northwest DC. I work downtown, so the commute is easy. It’s a great place to live for those who like a quieter neighborhood with great access to basic amenities (groceries, metro, dry cleaning, etc.) and Rock Creek Park. I would not recommend it for someone who is working in Silver Spring because of the commute. There aren't a lot of public transit options that go east-west across Rock Creek park. Most fellows end up living in Columbia Heights, which is a 45 - 60 minute walk, 15 minute drive ($10 on Uber), or 45 minute metro away from my neighborhood.”

“I live and work in Silver Spring. This is the best decision I made. Not only do I have a 5 minute commute, but I also do not have to pay for the bus or metro so I have more spending money each month to hang out downtown or try out new restaurants. I found my apartment by walking around Silver Spring. I talked to a woman walking dogs on the streets and she recommended some nice places. I found my building the Sunday after placement week. I would also recommend a roommate - it makes things much more affordable.”
Housing Tips

“I decided to find housing with another fellow after having a good connection with her during Placement Week. By double-teaming, we scouted through listservs and forums. We found a great housing living with a previous Knauss fellow and we love it! Making connections with past fellows is a huge advantage.

Recommended neighborhoods with disclaimers:

**Silver Spring, MD:** Close to work (if you're working in Silver Spring) but it's a hike to take advantage of activities in the District like seminars, happy hours, major sightseeing, events

**Columbia Heights:** Lots of group housing with a lot of young working professionals. Many places are affordable and are close to Metro and buses to get to work either downtown or Silver Spring. Be cognizant when walking around at night

**Petworth:** Similar to Columbia Heights; however it's an up-and-coming neighborhood so you have your fair share of "characters". Just be cognizant of walking around at night

**Parkview:** Same as Columbia Heights and Petworth; it's walking distance to Medstar Washington Hospital Center and close to the major highway so you don't have to fight a lot of traffic if you’re driving out for the weekend

**Tenleytown/Friendship Heights:** Nice neighborhood but a wealthy suburb; might be a bit hard to find affordable housing. Brick colonials and fancy Victorians; it's also a bit of a hike to Silver Spring via Metro (a large swing around on the Red Line)

**Woodley Park:** Nice neighborhood and close to the Zoo. Some housing can be expensive. It's also a bit of a hike to Silver Spring via Metro

**H Street:** Nice, up-and-coming neighborhood. Nice night life. Really close to the Hill but can be a hike to Silver Spring

**Adams Morgan:** Great cafes and shops, and great young professional neighborhood but no Metros nearby; there are a lot of buses that run through to get to the Metros

**Dupont Circle:** Great neighborhood, nice farmers market. Lots to do and lots of night life. Some housing can be expensive. Close to downtown and a fairly quick Metro trip to Silver Spring.”
Housing Tips

- Expect to pay at least ~$1000 per room. Single and two bedrooms will be more per person.
- Check your commute time! Transferring metro lines adds a lot of time.
- Places to find available rentals:
  - Craigslist
  - Padmapper
  - Rent.com
- Property Management Firms (not a complete list)
  - Yarmouth (NoMa, Hill, H St) - http://yarmouthm.com/listings/
  - Barac (All over DC) - http://www.thebarac.com/vaclistweb.htm
  - Nest DC - http://www.nest-dc.com/properties
Important Mobile Apps

Ube/Lyft/Via
Cheaper than a taxi, you can get an Uber/Lyft/Via to pick you up anywhere.

DC Next Bus
Find bus routes, add favorite stops, see when the next bus is coming.

DC Metro
(Realtime rail and bus predictions and DC Metro map directly from WMATA)

DC Rider
Metro-specific transportation, showing nearest station, next train arrival, and a map.

My Radar
Live radar. It rains more than you’d like in DC.

City Mapper
Webpage and App for phone
https://citymapper.com/dc/

DC Happy Hours
This free app lists popular restaurant and bars in D.C. and their current happy hour specials, deals, and prices weekly.

Parkmobile
Use your phone and credit card to pay for street parking instead of digging for quarters.

Capital Bikeshare
For Capital Bikeshare – Check the availability of bikes and docks around the city. There are also dock-less bike and scooter options.

Going Out Guide
Dubbed the "Best guide in Washington". This app recommends events, restaurants and night-life by the Washington Post Staff. Worth the free investment if you’re looking to break the norm.

Yelp
There are so many places to eat in DC! Learn about what’s new, cool, or nearby.

OpenTable
Useful way to get reservations at local restaurants.
Social Media Accounts to Follow!

Capital Weather Gang
“D.C. – area and worldwide weather news from the Washington Post”
Twitter: @capitalweather

YelpDC
Twitter: @yelpDC
Instagram: @yelpDC.

Washingtonian
“The Twitter account Washington lives by”
Twitter: @Washingtonian

Brightest Young Things
“Daily online magazine and party throwing experts dedicated to all things good in DC & NYC”
Website: brightestyoungthings.com
Twitter: @BYT
Facebook: @brightestyoungthings
Instagram: @brightestyoungthings

DCist
“The homepage of the District, covering the city’s news, curiosities, and culture”
Twitter: @DCist

Nerd Night DC
“The original monthly event where DC nerds come to hear about science and other esoteric subjects while drinking beer”
Twitter: @NerdNiteDC
Useful Websites

http://eg.washingtonpost.com/
Has everything you could possibly want about the city - restaurant reviews, movie listings, news, bands, theater, its all here.

http://www.ontaponline.com/
On Tap Magazine is a monthly publication in the DC metro area that serves as your entertainment, culture, music and nightlife expert. Perfect for the young or young at heart, we always know the hot spots to be and be seen!

www.wmata.com
Greater Washington D.C. public transportation

https://www.tripsavvy.com/washington-d-c-4139664
Online guide to D.C.

https://mpdc.dc.gov/
D.C. metropolitan police department website

http://dc.ecowomen.org/
DC Ecowomen. - Awesome listserv for networking events, finding roommates, etc.

www.MeetUp.com
Find people that like doing the things you like to do

http://www.hikingupward.com
The website Hiking Upward is a great resource to find hikes, it has a really good search function and the hike descriptions are detailed and provide topo maps

http://dc.brightestyoungthings.com/
Everything that's going on in the city

Popville.com
Regular updates on neighborhood bars, restaurants, crime, etc.

www.nbcwashington.com
www.myfoxdc.com

www.wusa9.com
Washington area local news

www.visitmaryland.org
Maryland Office of Tourism

www.virginia.org
Virginia Office of Tourism

https://dc.eater.com
Resource to find great places to eat
## Favorite Restaurants

### In the District

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<td>$$</td>
<td>1924 Pennsylvania Ave NW., DC</td>
<td>(202) 822-8783</td>
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<td>3162 Mount Pleasant St NW, DC</td>
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<td>2201 14th St NW, Washington, DC</td>
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<td>The Coupe</td>
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<td>Red Rocks Brick Oven Pizza</td>
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<td>Georgetown Cupcakes</td>
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<td>3301 M St NW, Washington, DC</td>
<td>(202) 333-8448</td>
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<td>Baked &amp; Wired</td>
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<td>Zatinya</td>
<td>$$$</td>
<td>701 9th St NW, Washington, DC</td>
<td>(202) 638-0800</td>
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<td>Old Ebbitt Grill</td>
<td>$$</td>
<td>675 15th St NW, Washington, DC</td>
<td>(202) 347-4800</td>
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El Chucho - $
3313 11th St NW, Washington, DC 20010
(202) 290-3313

Ben’s Chili Bowl - $
1213 U St NW Washington, DC 20009
or 1001 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002.
(202) 667-0909

Red Derby - $
3718 14th St NW Washington, DC 20010
(202) 291-5000

Indigo - $
243 K St NE Washington, DC 20002
(202) 544-4777

Dacha Beer Garden
1600 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001
(202)-350-9888

Daikaya – Ramen - $$
705 6th St NW, Washington DC 20001
(202) 589-1600

Momofuku CCDC - $$
1000 1st St NW, Washington DC 20001
(202) 602-1832

Chercher Ethiopian Restaurant - $
1334 9th St NW, Washington DC, 20001
(202) 299-9703

German Bier Garten Haus - $$
1355 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002
(202) 388-4053

Busboys and Poets - $$
2021 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009
or 1025 5th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Union Market - $$
1309 5th St NE, Washington, DC 20002

Chaia Tacos - $
3207 Grace St NW, Washington, DC 20007
(202) 333-5222

Convivial - $$$
801 O St NW, Washington, DC 20001
(202) 525-2870

Call Your Mother Deli
3301 Georgia Ave NW, Washington DC 20010
Also at the Silver Spring Famers Market
Favorite Restaurants

Outside The District

Quarry House Tavern - $
8401 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-8350

Sushi Jin Next Door - $$
8555 Fenton St, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 608-0990

Buena Vida - $$
TTT - $$
3324, 8407 Ramsey Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 755-6132

The Baked Bear of Bethesda
929 Rose Avenue #404, North Bethesda, MD 20852
(858) 886-7433

Parkway Deli & Restaurant
8317 Grubb Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-1427

Brookeville Beer Farm
20315 Georgia Ave, Brookeville, MD 20833
(301) 260-1000

Backroom Brewery
150 Ridgemont Rd, Middletown, VA 22645
(540) 869-8482

Bald Top Brewing Co.
1830 Thrift Rd, Madison, VA 22727
(540) 999-1830

Barrel & Crow
487 Cordell Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814
(240) 800-3253

Ghar-E-Kabab
944 Wayne Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-4427
Performing Arts and Music

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 2700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20566
(202) 467-4600

Jazz in the Garden at National Gallery of Art
The Sculpture Garden, 7th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20565/every Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:30 starting May 15th /
(202) 289-3360

Black Cat
1811 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009
(202) 667-4527

Fort Reno Park
http://www.fortreno.com
Chesapeake Street and Nebraska Avenue NW Washington, DC
Weekly summer concerts outdoors with rock/punk music.
(202) 673-7647

930 club
Http://930.Com
815 V St NW Washington DC
(202) 265-0930

TOUR DE FAT: WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Yards Park 355 Water St SE, Washington, DC 20003/LATE MAY
Tour de Fat is New Belgium Brewing’s traveling celebration of all things bicycle, honoring mankind’s greatest invention.

Wolf Trap Performing Arts Center
http://www.wolftrap.org/
1645 trap Rd Vienna, VA 22182
(703) 255-1900

MADAM’S ORGAN IN ADAM’S MORGAN
Http://madamsorgan.com
Bluegrass night every wed. With a live band (free cover before 8 pm).
2461 18th St. NW, Washington, DC
(202) 667-5370
Gyms

**Earth Treks Rock Climbing Gym**
1235 S Clark St, Arlington, VA 22202
725 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852
7125 Columbia Gateway Dr #110, Columbia, MD 21046

**Pure Barre**
407 8th street SE. Washington, DC, 20003
3308 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20016
2130 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20037
4930 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, MD, 20814
8455 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Yoga District**
1910 14th St NW Washington, DC 20009
3315 11th St NW, Washington, DC 20010
1830 1st NW, Washington, DC 20001
1635 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC, 20009
500 H St NE, Washington DC 20002

**Classpass** (get access to gyms across the DMV region)
https://classpass.com/explore/66eJwG3Pmq-washington-dc-fitness-classes

**CrossFit Gyms**
CrossFit Silver Spring – 2700 Garfield Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Petworth Fitness – 1240 Upshur St NW, Washington, DC 20011
CrossFit DC – 1507 U St NW, Washington, DC 20009
Old City CrossFit – 3743, 1007 H St NE, Washington, DC 20002

**Kickboxing Gyms**
NuBoxx – 701 2nd St NE, Washington, DC, 20002
OffRoad – 905 U St NW and 637 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC
9Round Silver Spring – 8403 Colesville Rd #170, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**CycleBar**
1105 Delaware Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
3400 Columbia Pike Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22204

**NOAA Fitness Center**
1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (Building 3)
Shopping Areas

Gourmet foods and grocery stores:

**Whole Foods**
A foods supermarket chain which emphasizes "natural" and organic products.
Locations in Washington, Maryland: Annapolis, Baltimore, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, Rockville, Silver Spring, Virginia: Alexandria, Arlington, Charlottesville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Glen Allen, Reston, Springfield and Vienna

**Trader Joe's**
Unique Grocery Store with off-beat sauces, condiments, gourmet frozen foods, wines, unique breads and a great variety of soy products.

**Calvert Woodley Market and Cheeserie**
Connecticut Ave at the Van Ness/UDC Metro Station
Additional specials on cured meats, other cheeses, and gourmet items such as mustard, coffee, and crackers, and an extensive liquor selection.

Retail/Department Stores:

Mezza Galleria in Friendship Heights - lots of department stores, boutiques
Georgetown - lots of fun boutique shops
Pentagon City Mall (take metro directly there)
Tyson's Corner in the McLean area. Most major department stores, a large variety of boutique shops, and of course, your standard Gap, Limited, Express, and Banana Republic.
Tyson's Corner Galleria - in the McLean area - not metro accessible Most major upscale department stores - Saks, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom’s, lots of upscale boutique shops.
Montgomery Mall - north of Bethesda off Democracy Blvd (off Old Georgetown Road headed north)
Pike & Rose – North Bethesda, metro accessible (red line), outdoor mall space that includes an REI and LLBean
Pet Care

General veterinary assistance:  
http://washingtondcveterinarianclinics.com

Citypaws  
1823 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202) 232-7297  
citypawsdc.com

Dupont Veterinary Clinic  
2022 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 466-2211  
dupontvetclinic.com

Adams Morgan Animal Hospital  
2112 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202) 638-7470  
Dupont Circle metro stop  
adamsmorganah.com

Friendship Hospital for Animals  
4105 Brandywine St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 (202) 363-7300  
Open 24 hours, 7 days a week  
friendshiphospital.com

SouthPaws Veterinary Specialists & Emergency Center  
8500 Arlington Boulevard  
Fairfax VA 22031  
(703) 752-9100  
Open 24 hours, 7 days a week  
http://southpaws.com/

Dog Parks  
Congressional Cemetery  
1801 E St. SE, Washington, DC 20003

Columbia Heights Dog Park  
1150 Park Rd NW, Washington, DC, 20010

Francis Dog Park  
25th and N St, Washington, DC 20037

Gage Eckington Dog Park  
286 V St NW, Washington DC 20001

Shaw Dog Park  
1673 11st St NW, Washington, DC 20001

S Street Dog Park  
17th and S Sts, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Ellsworth Urban Dog Park  
621 Ellsworth Dr, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Adventure time!
Get out of the City

Shenandoah National Park-
http://www.nps.gov/shen/index.htm

Eastern Shore of Maryland-
http://www.visitmaryland.org/places-to-go/eastern-shore (Things to do)

Delaware beaches-
http://www.visitdelaware.com/beaches/ (Top Delaware Beaches and things to do and saty)

Baltimore Inner Harbor-
http://baltimore.org/article/baltimore-inner-harbor (What to see and do)

Assateague Island-
http://www.assateagueisland.com/

Harpers Ferry area in West Virginia-
http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/United_States_of_America/West_Virginia/Harpers_Ferry-899590/Things_To_Do-Harpers_Ferry-TG-C-1.html

Great Falls National Park-
http://www.nps.gov/grfa/index.htm (Things about the park and planning your visit)

Gettysburg National Military Park-
http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm (Things about the park and planning your visit)

Manassas National Battlefield Park-
http://www.nps.gov/mana/index.htm

Baltimore (National Aquarium, Fort McHenry)
http://www.aqua.org/care/conservation-initiatives/fort-mchenry

McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine-
http://www.nps.gov/fomc/index.htm

Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA (part of Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum)-
http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/