Office campus housing Q&A:
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What is the average SF rent?
Well, according to Rent Jungle as of February 2016, average apartment rent within 10 miles of San Francisco is $3770. (I know deep breath)

1BR apartments in SF rent for $3096 a month on average and 2BR average is $4126. Near USF $2500 - $2800 for a 1BR (see, it gets a little better)

What neighborhoods are close to USF?
Although SF is an International City we are only 7x7 in size, which keeps many areas within a close proximity from one another. Neighborhoods close to USF are: Inner & Outer Richmond & Sunset, NOPA, Hayes & Cole Valley, & Haight Ashbury. Although one can also live in other areas with a slightly longer commute time

Where is a good place to live?
Now, when asked this question, I encourage students to define what good means to them. Do you prefer quiet or urban? Solo living or roommates? Enjoy clouds or sunshine? Your answer will determine your environment choice along with your available budget

How do I find roommates?
Within SF & USF we have a number of platforms, which aid with the roomie search. The largest is FB we have a variety of groups listed in our FB guide *see attachment in addition websites such as the https://myusf.usfca.edu/student-life/off-campus-housing and others: roomdock, craigslist, padmapper, easyroommate, lovely, etc…

Is the housing search impossible?
I get it! It seems so overwhelming when you begin to search but no it’s not impossible to find housing but it does take persistence and flexibility. Rarely can you get everything you want/ask for in a unit so I encourage you all to be honest with yourself and determine Wants vs Needs.

Why is SF so crazy with rent?
Lots of factors on this one but suffice to say it’s an absolutely beautiful place to live: water, beaches, parks, restaurants, universities, sites, interesting people & innovative companies, etc… Our housing market has historically been high comparative to other cities and people have always wanted to live here. These factors combined with our lack of space to build, and economic draw have boosted up rent/housing prices.

How do I begin the search?
SKILLS NEEDED: Organization, Research, Networking, Perseverance, Realistic Expectations

STEPS TO TAKE
1) Determine your realistic & honest financial budget
2) Join FB housing sites & research web for housing cost & neighborhoods (for list see attachments)
3) Assess your values & flexibility and create your list of priorities & search from these
4) Gather all financial info: rent & deposit, active checking account, make sure credit is solid, get co signer if you need, pay stubs