Useful tips for accommodation search in Munich:

Important links:

- And the link with private offers of the Student Union ([http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/accommodation/housing-referral-service/](http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/en/accommodation/housing-referral-service/))

Attention! Frauds!
Swindlers answer often to emails and ask you to transfer money beforehand. Always be careful and do not transfer any money for a deposit or a rent in advance if you are not hundred percent sure that this accommodation really exists.

Start 2-3 months in advance:
To look for an accommodation on the private market is possible 2 maybe even 3 months before the semester start. You have to apply to private dormitories even earlier. Please find a list of them in the attached brochure.

Search directly from Munich:
Since real owners normally want to meet you before renting an accommodation, you MUST BE in Munich to increase your chances in finding a place on the private market. Please DO NOT wait until the semester start to come to Munich for accommodation search.

Be quick and flexible:

- You should react to the newest advertisements immediately, because most of the offers are gone within one day;
- Please try to be flexible regarding price, location, rent duration, distance and arrangements of the room. If you really want to study at the TUM, your only goal should be: to find a roof over your head before semester start.

Be well prepared for a viewing:
This can either be a viewing only for you or for many people at the same time. You should bring your resume, your student ID or passport and a document proofing your financial solvency with you.

Price:
The best price range for one room is between **450 and 600 euro**. In the districts Pasing, Trudering and Ramersdorf as well as in communities of the Munich metropolitan area, e.g. Neufahrn, Eching, Taufkirchen, rooms are mostly cheaper than in Maxvorstadt, Ludwigsvorstadt, Schwabing, Bogenhausen. Of course, it will take you longer to get to the center, but Munich has an excellent public transportation system. Although rooms under 450 euro do exist in Munich, there is usually a catch in it. Owners might be complicated or simply that the accommodation offer is a fake. To share flats with other students (Studenten WG) is generally the cheapest option. Accommodation in Garching is usually cheaper than in Munich.
Writing an email:
It is better to **call** owners, because one **seldom** gets an answer to an email. However, you often have to write an email, because phone numbers are rarely mentioned in advertisements. In this case, pay attention to the following aspects:

- **It should not be long, but also not too short. Please introduce yourself properly:** your character, your hobbies, what you are studying etc. While writing an email, you should **avoid standard phrases.** If you manage to present yourself as an interesting personality and your email stands out, then you have good chances to be invited to a viewing.

- **Make your e-mail as personal as possible.** Address an owner personally and indicate that you are interested in this very room. Also read, what an owner wrote in the advertisement. They often tell what they want to hear.

- **Please do not ask many questions in your e-mails,** because it is very annoying for owners to answer them. The only question should be ‘when can I come and visit the room?’

*Please note that although we included long-established agencies/organizations in our information material, we cannot assume any liability for any of their offers. The best way for you to protect yourself is to visit rooms/apartments and talk to owners personally.*