



Guest houses are common among particle physics labs, and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center is no exception. But in many ways, the Stanford Guest House, situated on the grounds of SLAC, is different. Elizabeth Clements, director of ILC communication for the Americas, travels to SLAC and other labs several times a year. She says that compared to other places she's stayed, the Stanford Guest House is more like a hotel.

"It's one of my favorite places to go. I've actually turned down staying with friends in the Bay Area over staying at the guest house," Clements says. "It's just so comfortable, clean, and convenient. Plus the view from the exercise room is amazing. I have a whole routine when I stay there."

According to General Manager Jonathan Faulkner, SLAC collaborators are the main business at the Guest House. However, visitors often comment on the wide range of people they meet in the common areas. The unique institutional relationship between Stanford University and SLAC makes the 112-room guest house a crossroads for visitors of all types of Stanford affiliation—from guests of the Medical School to Stanford alumni, parents of current Stanford students, and SLAC users and collaborators.

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