ACCOMMODATION WITH SENIORS – FAQs

When can I apply?

At any time of the year, although participants for the following academic year are selected in May and June. If places are available, the programme can be accessed at any time during the academic year.

I am a student. What is my commitment to the older person and how long do I have to live with him/her?

- Keep the older person company.
- Carry out small domestic repairs (e.g. change light bulbs, hang curtains).
- Buy medicines. Accompany him/her to see a doctor. Help with administrative procedures.
- Any other activities agreed upon by both parties.
- You must sleep in the accommodation at least five nights a week.
- You do not need to stay in your accommodation at weekends or during holiday periods.

Does the student have to carry out tasks such as cooking meals for the older person or assisting with personal hygiene?

No. You will need to accompany the person and help with small tasks, but care duties are excluded from your commitment, as they are tasks for professions.

Does the host have to cook meals for the student?

No. Students may use the kitchen, but they will shop and cook for themselves.

How long does the cohabitation agreement last?

The agreement covers the duration of the academic year. It starts at the beginning of October and ends in September. It does not include July and August.

What is the procedure?

Once the application has been submitted, social workers will pay a home visit to provide information about the programme, answer any questions and make an assessment. In the case of students, applicants will be called for a personal interview with social workers from the University of Malaga.