



Welcome to Telluride House!

Telluride House is a vibrant democratic community which provides a stimulating intellectual environment and fosters a strong dedication to improving public life. Founded and funded by the Telluride Association, the Telluride House brings together students who share a passion for our three pillars: intellectual inquiry, community service, and self-governance.

Housemembers are undergraduate and graduate students with diverse backgrounds and interests. Each year, we also invite several Faculty Fellows to reside in the house. All house members are on a full room and board scholarship. The house has an amazing chef, newly renovated computing facilities, and almost all residents have a room to themselves.

The Telluride community offers a truly unparalleled opportunity for your personal growth and development, and we hope you consider joining!



Our Three Pillars

Formal activities at Telluride House are based on our three "pillars," a set of philosophical ideals that form the basis of house life. These pillars are loosely defined, and housemembers take it upon themselves to shape the pillars and their role in house life.

Intellectual inquiry activities cultivate our housemembers' insatiable curiosity. For this reason, Telluriders are often considered "intellectual omnivores," and weekly formal presentations by housemembers or prestigious faculty guests help to educate other housemembers in a wide variety of disciplines.

Housemembers reach out to the community through the community service pillar. Each year, the House develops one or more service projects to not only give back to those in need, but also to develop bonds in our own community and challenge ourselves in new ways.

Of course, reaching for these ideals while engaging in a diverse community offers opportunities for personal growth through self-governance. House-wide decisions are made democratically through housemeetings, committee work, and by amending our by-laws. We are even responsible for selecting new housemembers through our preferment process.

House Life

Beyond serving on committees and upholding the three pillars, informal house life reigns as one of the greatest aspects of the Telluridean atmosphere. Everyone's door is open to explore and engage in activities beyond academia. The house takes pride in its annual Gala, various social gatherings throughout the year, and a commitment by each member to represent their interests by playing music, sharing stories, or simply expressing their viewpoints through conversation. The Telluride House has an abundance of resources available not only from the individuals who reside in the house, but also from the Telluride Association.



Testimonials

→ "I love the House for its spontaneity in holding events ranging from tree trimming to faculty lectures and pirate parties to formal galas. My housemates are the wittiest, most eccentric, most vivacious group of friends I've had in my life."

Josh Smith, class of 2006

→ "I really can't imagine my college experience without Telluride House. If classes teach you how to work harder, Telluride House teaches you how to live better. The best characteristics of the most diverse and talented group of people I've ever encountered have rubbed off on me by living here. At Telluride House, I've formed some of my strongest friendships, and I will cherish these bonds for the rest of my life.

Dan Austin, class of 2008

→ "From the Telluride House, I've learned how to be a positive influence on a community. Each individual is responsible for creating a community in which we can all grow and learn from each other."

Emily Wang, class of 2010

Apply

The application to Telluride House is designed to be challenging but not intimidating. It consists of several essays and an interview.

Although the essays require at least as much thought and effort as many university admission applications, they do allow candidates to show what they have to offer in their own terms. The house has accepted members as much for their artistic portfolios and scientific research as for their essays and interviews.

Applicants must enroll as full-time University of Michigan students while in the house. We encourage you to contact our Recruitment Committee with any questions you have at mbta.apply@tellurideassociation.org

Applications from current U-M students are considered in the fall; applications from incoming freshmen and transfers are considered in the winter. All selected students join the house in the fall of the following academic year.

For more information, please contact us.



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