

What is the Telluride House?

WE ARE...

- ...a diverse, self-constituting, and self-governing community of Cornell undergraduate and graduate students
- ...a gathering place for visiting scholars and artists
- ...a center for intellectual engagement of all sorts

OUR THREE PILLARS

Since its founding, Telluride House has modeled itself after the democratic ideals of its founder, industrialist-philanthropist L. L. Nunn, including three central goals:

INTELLECTUAL ENGAGEMENT

We strive for rich and fruitful intellectual exchanges in both formal and informal settings. In addition to the discussions and debates that permeate daily life at the house, housemembers participate in up to three formal academic events per week. Such events include special lectures and workshops from leading Cornell faculty and visiting guests of the house. Each housemember presents a one-hour speech on a topic of personal intellectual interest every year, a unique opportunity to hone speaking skills and introduce ideas to vigorous interdisciplinary consideration. We also organize larger events open to the Cornell community, and hold an intense and exciting three day seminar at the end of Winter Break.

SELF-GOVERNMENT

From employee management to event planning to budget oversight, Telluride House is run entirely by its members. The center of our governmental process is our weekly housemeeting, where we discuss resolutions on issues ranging from magazine subscriptions to house procedures to our larger role and purpose as a community. Each housemember also serves on a committee, usually rotating each semester. Our committees generate and carry out the proposals passed at the housemeeting, and are charged with the day-to-day maintenance and administration of the house. This significant responsibility offers many opportunities for leadership and personal development.

COMMUNITY LIVING

Housemembers often name the lasting bonds formed in our intense experiment in community living as the highlight of their Telluride experience. The heart of our community is perhaps the dinner table, where we gather each day to share, joke, debate, and just relax. Conversations often continue late into the night, or even throughout the year. Parties, movie screenings, and winter marshmallow roasts offer a multitude of opportunities to form lasting and rewarding friendships.



MORE ABOUT US

THE SCHOLARSHIP

Residents of the Telluride House receive a full room and board scholarship, renewable for up to five years. Most students live in spacious doubles, and have full use of the house's facilities, including computers, a printer, full kitchen, weight room, laundry machines, an extensive library, and a beautiful Steinway piano. Housemembers must be full-time undergraduate or graduate students at Cornell University, and there are typically 25-30 housemembers at a time.

Conditions of the scholarship include maintenance of a GPA above 3.0, attendance at a specified percentage of formal house events, and participation in the selection of interviewees for Telluride's high school summer programs. Life at Telluride is a serious commitment of time and energy with a lot to offer in return.

THE RESIDENTS

Housemembers represent a wide range of backgrounds and interests. Current housemembers' areas of origin span six continents. Our majors and departments include English, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, History, Government, Philosophy, Africana Studies, Asian Studies, German Studies, Romance Studies, Development Sociology, Theater, City and Regional Planning, Public Administration, Labor Relations, Anthropology, Law, Science and Technology Studies, Entomology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Neurobiology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, and Engineering. The House also hosts visiting scholars and artists from across the world for stays ranging from a couple days to an entire year. Housemembers have gone on to be leaders in their fields, be it as university professors, public servants, or even as president of the World Bank (our alumni include two of the last four). We are proud of our diversity, and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical disability.

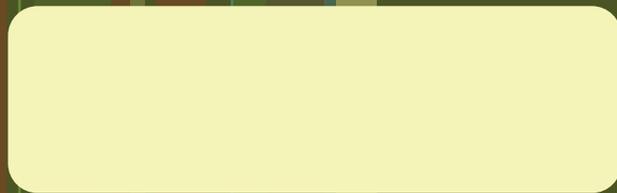
THE TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION

The Telluride House is funded and overseen by the Telluride Association, of which many housemembers go on to be members. We currently have one sister branch at the University of Michigan, modeled on similar principles. Each year, the Association conducts summer programs for high school sophomores and juniors at several universities, including Cornell and Michigan, which aim to bring together intellectually outstanding high school students for six-week college-level seminars.

HOW TO APPLY

Our application process is designed to be challenging, but not intimidating, and consists of several short essays, a writing sample, and an interview. Candidates should show what they have to offer in their own terms: we have accepted members as much for their artistic portfolios as for their essays and interviews. Deferment, as well as semesters on leave for study abroad or field research are permitted, but we prefer applicants who plan to live in the house for more than a year. Applications are usually considered in the fall semester. You may obtain more information by visiting our website at www.telluridehouse.org. Current application information can also be found at www.tellurideassociation.org/cbapply.html. Inquiries sent to telluride@cornell.edu will be directed to the appropriate House committee.

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