

Is Your Idea a Good Match for an I-House Program?

I-House brings people together in four ways: cultural learning, sharing ideas and skills, building community together, and just connecting with each other.

Check the boxes that describe your idea. This isn't a pass/fail test. It's a way to think through your idea before you apply.

Connection across cultures

- ☐ My program brings together people from different backgrounds, cultures, or countries
- ☐ My program gives people a chance to learn about each other or share something while spending time together.
- ☐ My program does not require much prior knowledge or skill.

Open and welcoming

- ☐ My program treats everyone with respect, dignity, and kindness.
- ☐ My program is friendly to people who are new to Davis, new to English, or new to I-House.
- ☐ My program welcomes everyone as they are. It's not built around debating politics, religion, or other personal beliefs or choices

Realistic and feasible to run

- ☐ I have a general sense of timing and frequency, but understand that I-House staff will set the final schedule to fit the community's needs.
- ☐ I know what space, supplies, or equipment it would need.
- ☐ If my program needs any special equipment or has a cost to join, I'll think through how participants will access or afford them.
- ☐ I am able to work with I-House staff on program planning and promotion, attending meetings, providing marketing materials, and coordinating on delivery.

A note before you move forward:

Some programs are meant to run for a season or a set period, or even only once, and that's completely fine. I-House staff will assess the proposal based on benchmarks and current capacity and make the final call on implementation. Staff will also check in on programs over time, and periodically evaluate how things are going. If a program isn't working as hoped, staff may end the program. This isn't a reflection on any one proposer; it's how we keep our program lineup healthy and sustainable for everyone.



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If you checked most of these boxes, your idea is likely a strong match → go ahead and [submit a proposal](#).

If you left several unchecked, that's okay. It might just need a little more shape before you apply. Feel free to discuss your idea with I-House staff before filling out the proposal form. You can reach our Volunteer Manager at yun@ihousedavis.org