**Tri-Cooperative Housing Application**

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The Tri-Cooperatives (or Tri-Coops) are an on-campus student housing association providing affordable, cooperative housing to low-income students as well as students seeking housing that fosters educational and personal growth as instrumental components of safe and comfortable living. The community is comprised of three houses: Davis Student Co-op (DSC), Pierce, and Agrarian Effort (Ag), which regularly house 12-14 students during the ‘academic year’. The houses operate by consensus and collective action as independent entities as well as a community. Together, we stand by 4 **community agreements**:

1. At the Tricoops we are actively working to create a space where we feel physically and emotionally comfortable, respected and safe from oppressive forces.

2. This is a learning space: we are working together to unlearn oppressive behaviors, we embrace some level of discomfort in this process but are creating a space for everyone to take initiative to learn.

3. We strive to improve our community and uphold the community agreements in the form of conversations, workshops or community projects.

4. These community agreements are yours; re-agree upon them at the first Tri-coop meeting of the year. Change and modify them as needed via the consensus process.

All this being said, the experience of living at the Tri-Cooperatives changes with each generation, it shifts with each new quarter. Our community agreements are subject to change, but the basis of our community relies on acceptance rather than tolerance, as well as continuous communication and interest in living *cooperatively*. The expectations of communication and acceptance are meant to help us in unlearning our oppressive behaviors and community-building. While reading this application try to envision your role in a cooperative community. Think about what you look forward to sharing rather than what you think the community is looking for specifically.

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**Earliest move-in date/how flexible is this date?**

**September, not entirely sure about the date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If applicable, how soon do you need a response from us?**

**As soon as possible\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Approximate timeframe for which you need housing:  \_Fall 2017\_\_\_ to \_Spring 2018\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What is your area of study? Class standing (i.e. freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, super senior, graduate student)**

**\_Not sure, but it would be in the sciences. I am junior\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**The tri-cooperatives were founded to provide affordable housing for students. Do you consider yourself low-income? If you feel comfortable, use this space to describe your current financial situation.**

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**Can you come over for an interview/dinner? When?\_\_No, I am not in Davis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Accessibilityneeds:\_\_\_None\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**1.) What communities do you view yourself being a part of? (i.e. different racial, ethnic, and gender identities, sexualities, faiths, accessibility needs, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and political alignments) What is your experience with diverse groups of people? AND how do you see yourself contributing to a diverse community?**

I indentify myself as African and believe I can contribute to the community through my culture

**2.) We try our best to make our homes a safe place for the people in this community. What does a comfortable space mean for you personally? OR what is your ideal living situation?**

A comfortable space is where I should be able to know my surroundings. I should also be comfortable with the people that are around me and vice versa.

**3.) Can you think of a time when something happened that you felt was wrong and you wanted to change it?  What did you do or wanted to do to change it? OR What sort of injustices do you feel most strongly against in the world?**

I was working with a grass roots campaign going door to door asking for support and donations. The homeowners who’s houses I knocked refused to open or just walked into their houses when they saw me coming. I felt offended by this, but I try not to think about it.

**4.) By nature of living in a coop you are actively involved in resistance in many different areas (i.e. capitalism, patriarchy, racism, racist food systems, heteronormativity, sexism, transphobia, colonialism, fatphobia, negative body-image, gender stereotypes, etc.). In what aspects of your life do you find yourself actively resisting unjust forces?**

Racism, and gender profiling.

**5.) There are weekly/monthly/quarterly commitments residents have to the house and community. Some of these commitments are chores, meetings, work parties (once a quarter deep cleaning of the house). Do you think that you could balance these in your schedule?**

Yes

**6.) Tell us about someone who is a positive/inspirational presence in your life or talk about one of your heroes:**

My mother is an inspiration to me. Her resilience and determination is something that I one day hope to have. I is the strongest women I Know.

**7.) We live in a community based off consensus, which requires compromise: tell us about a time you have had to compromise. OR Tell us about a conflict you experienced that felt unresolved.**

Me and my sister were raised by a single mum and compromising is not new to me. My sister’s happiness is priority to me. If she is happy, I am happy. I save money each year to that I can always get something for her on her birthday. This year I got her a new phone. But it took me almost a year to save for that gift.

**Disclaimer: For the following question, if you lack experience or knowledge in any of these fields, this will not be held against you in this application. People enter this space with varying levels of experience and knowledge, and every person is given an opportunity to learn, change, and alter their perspective, and to contribute to this community in whatever way they can. This question is an opportunity to discuss your interests/experiences and how they fit into this community.**

**8.) Do you have any previous knowledge pertaining to financially, mechanically, or socially maintaining a household? What aspects of our community are you interested in being involved with or learning about? Circle your interests and if you feel comfortable, explain below.**

**Excel Spreadsheets Balance Budgets Food Shopping**

**Sound Systems                    Carpentry                                Plumbing**

**Gardening Skills or Knowledge          Cleaning                 Bee Keeping**

**Leadership Skills                        Committee/Meeting Skills      Emotional Support**

**Pet Care Other!**