In this Application Packet, you will find the following:

- Introduction and Project Information
- Important Dates and Rate Information
- Diversity Experience House Community Guidelines
- Diversity Experience House Application

Please review all the enclosed materials and direct any questions to the Campus Life Office at 605.274.5215 or reslife@augie.edu. The completed application packet is due to the Campus Life Office (EMC 119) by 5 pm on Friday, March 27, 2015.
Introduction
The 2015-2016 Academic year will mark the college’s first Diversity Experience House. 10 students will live in harmony with a focus on embracing diversity and inclusion in accordance with the shared core values of the college. The intent is to engage students in projects that promote understanding of individual diversity, group diversity and integrating continuity with learning and service. The specifics of the theme will be based on decisions made by the residents of the highly anticipated house.

Each student wishing to live in the Diversity Experience House will need to go through the application process. All students will apply individually. However, students wishing to room together should also list their roommate on the application. The house hosts 10 students each year, offering 8 double rooms and 2 single rooms. Both men and women will be allowed to live in the house.

Applications will be available on the Augustana Room Selection website. Applications are due by 5 pm on Friday March 27, 2015. All students interested in living in the Diversity Experience house will need to go through the application and interview process. Interviews can be scheduled at the time of completing your application. Students wishing to homestead should also fill out an application and complete an interview.

Service Projects and Program Outcomes
Residents of the Diversity Experience House will largely be responsible for creating and implementing the specific service learning projects they wish to complete, however the College has identified specific outcomes that these projects will need to address.

Diversity Experience House Outcomes

1) **Connectedness and Inclusion.** The Diversity Experience House must help address the continuing need for a campus climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the entire variety of human experience. The house must provide access to opportunities of diversity and inclusion for all people in order to create a diverse campus climate.

2) **Diversity Appreciation and Awareness.** The Diversity Experience House must provide opportunities for students to highlight, recognize, and publicize aspects of diversity to promote campus-wide cooperation and participation. The house must be aware of any diversity related issues and pose as an advocate for any students that share their experiences.

3) **Student Support.** The Diversity Experience House must provide opportunities for support of current and incoming students. This can include, but is not limited to, close collaborations with the International Programs Office, the Augustana International Club, Multicultural Programs Office and any other student group that has diverse topics to provide programming specific to student’s needs.

4) **Community Outreach.** The Diversity Experience House must help bridge the gap between the Augustana and Sioux Falls communities, bringing local and regional issues to campus. The members of the house must celebrate the efforts of individuals and groups to enhance appreciation of diverse perspectives and backgrounds that are in the larger communities in which we live.

Rates
These are the prices for the Diversity Experience House for 2014- 2015. 2015- 2016 may see an increase of 3% to 6%.

- **Double Rooms** $2207/Semester $4414/Academic Year
- **Single Rooms** $2638/Semester $5276/Academic Year

Please contact the Campus Life office at (605) 274-5215 or by e-mail at reslife@augie.edu with questions or concerns about rates.
Diversity Experience Community Guidelines
Academic Year 2015-2016

Policies and Expectations

Policies
- Individual use of alcohol is permitted only for those students 21 and over. See the Student Handbook for a detailed description of the alcohol policy for Theme Houses and Apartments.
- The house is a smoke-free facility.
- Residents are responsible for the daily cleaning and trash removal at the house. A plan of execution for this process will be agreed upon by the residents. All residents are required to participate.
- Parking is available in the lot behind the house and in designated spaces in the East parking lot.
- Residents are expected to be respectful of neighbors and to develop positive relationships with them.
- Along with the independence of theme house living comes the responsibility of developing guidelines for living together in community. It is expected that all residents will abide by the College’s policies and house-developed guidelines. Any student who chooses to not adhere to these policies and guidelines may be reassigned to a Campus Hall.

Programming
- Residents in the Diversity Experience House are required to participate in a minimum of four projects each semester, which are connected directly to the Diversity Experience House outcomes.
- Campus Life will provide financial assistance for these projects.

Mid-Year Evaluation
At some point during the Interim or early Spring time frame, residents of the Diversity Experience House will engage in a reflective evaluation of their successes and challenges up to that point. This will include the requirement of a self-evaluation from the house as a whole, as well as self-reflection from and an individual interview with each member of the house.

Community Advisor
- The Diversity Experience House Community Advisor will be a Campus Life/Multicultural programs student staff position.
- A Community Advisor for the Diversity Experience House will be hired as part of the Campus Life Leadership Application Process.
- Community Advisor responsibilities include, but are not limited to, serving as a spokesperson for the house, providing policy direction and enforcement, reporting maintenance issues, checking residents in and out of the house, scheduling house meetings, completing administrative paperwork, and working with the group to develop community guidelines and ensure follow through on his/her house goals and community service projects. Additionally, the Community Advisor will be expected to attend Campus Life staff trainings and meetings occurring throughout the year.

Advisor
- The Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Diversity and Inclusion will be the advisor for the Diversity Experience House to provide program and theme support throughout the year.

Designate
- The Campus Life Office will identify one professional staff member to serve as the Theme House Designate for the Diversity Experience House.

Applications
- All students will apply individually. However, students wishing to room together should also list their roommate on the application. Every applicant will be interviewed.
- Applications are due by 5 pm on Friday March 27, 2015 at the Campus Life Office (Edith Mortenson Center 119).
- Selection will be based applications, interviews and follow-up with references.
- Applicants will be notified of their status on March 26, 2015.
Application for Diversity Experience House
Academic Year 2015-2016

Name ___________________________ Phone number ___________________________

Major ___________________________ High School graduation date ___________________________

Have you ever been involved in diversity programming? ___________________________ Projected College graduation date ___________________________

Are you aware of any diversity related issues in this present time? ___________________________

Have you previously lived in any Theme House? ___________________________

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions:
What interests you about living in the Diversity Experience House?

How do you see this experience to be different than living in other Augustana housing communities?

As you familiarize yourself with the Diversity Experience House outcomes, are their specific issues that you are interested in pursuing?

What would you like to learn by living in a justice-centered community like the Diversity Experience House? What strengths do you believe that you will bring to the community? What will your challenges be?

How will living in the Diversity Experience House compliment your whole student experience?

Have you read and become familiar with the Diversity Experience Community Guidelines (page three of this application)? How will you live by the guidelines?

References should include 2 faculty/staff and 1 peer

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Roommate Name (If Applying for a Double Room): ____________________________________________

Applications are due by 5 pm on March 27, 2015. All applicants must sign up for an interview at the time they drop off their application on or before March 27, 2015.