International House is a self-supporting, non-profit organization at the University of California, Berkeley. Its mission is to foster understanding and friendship among peoples of all nations and races. With nearly 600 residents on any given day and, since 1930, 80,000 alumni drawn from over one hundred countries and every U.S. state, I-House is one of the largest multinational residential and programming cultural centers in the world.

“The I-House Speakers Bureau really improved my public speaking skills. Not only was I able to help people learn about my community back home, I was able to learn about theirs as well.”

– 2014 Alumni
I-HOUSE STUDENT SPEAKER’S BUREAU (IHSSB)

- Get involved in the community
- Meet fellow international students
- Teach others about your home country
- Improve your public speaking ability
- Practice English

WHAT IS THE IHSSB?

If you are an international undergraduate or graduate student and would like to share your culture or experience with American school children and other communities, volunteer with IHSSB.

IHSSB offers training for comfortable classroom interactions, presentation help, and transportation to and from events. Coordination of group presentations is also available.

IHSSB members are required to commit to five hours per semester, including training and presentations. Most members complete three presentations per semester. With your permission, presentations may be filmed and featured on the I-House YouTube channel.

At semester end, a complimentary dinner for all volunteers will be sponsored by the I-House Student Speaker’s Bureau Program.

WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

I-House residents are trained to speak about their personal experiences or conduct workshops for Bay Area organizations, schools or communities to support the mission of I-House: to foster intercultural respect, understanding, lifelong friendships and leadership skills to promote a more tolerant and peaceful world. Bureau members are comfortable with their own diverse identities and eager to share their experiences to educate the greater Cal community about life as an international student, concerns and issues happening around the world or about their own expertise.

HOW DO I APPLY?

For an application to be an IHSSB participant, please email the IHSSB coordinator, Shylah Hamilton: shy@berkeley.edu.

A representative from the I-House Student Speaker’s Bureau will contact you with an application and more information upon receipt.

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