

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC Davis

A Community of Learning and Discovery for Healthy Aging

As we age, opportunities to connect and engage become increasingly important for maintaining health and well-being—and can become harder to find. After being defined for decades by a work identity, those new to retirement may be ready undertake an exciting new journey of self-discovery. For older adults, factors such as declining mobility and increasing financial constraints can make it harder to pursue lifelong passions. Across the nation, people living far from their families and the places they have called home must find new ways to connect meaningfully with others.

Community, Discovery, Longevity

The **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)** at UC Davis offers an extraordinary opportunity for people ages 50 and up to access an exciting range of classes, workshops and adventures, building a growing community of people who are still exploring life, the world, and ideas.



Lifelong learning offers new reasons to greet the day with optimism. With courses focused on the themes of community, discovery and longevity, OLLI does much more than feed the mind. Participants stay engaged in current events, remain physically active and build meaningful social ties that contribute to their health and wellbeing. Our excursions offer adventures with the security and comforts of group travel, while classes offer access to faculty and guest speakers who make Davis unique.

From road trips to San Francisco and hikes around our region to memoir workshops, book discussions, and courses on navigating aging, OLLI is a dynamic space where new interests are encouraged, meaningful friendships are formed, and people expand their knowledge and interest in life.



“When I retired, I had no community and I had to start from scratch. OLLI provided a tremendously intellectual, curious, great group of folks...with highly diverse backgrounds and all different ages in their fifties, sixties, seventies and eighties... What you find in an OLLI classroom is a group of people who really enjoy each other’s company.”

-OLLI at UC Davis Participant

Connection, Community and Discovery for Healthy Aging

From UC Davis. For California.

As a UC Davis-affiliated program, OLLI offers access to signature learning spaces such as Bodega Marine Laboratory and our world-renowned coffee lab, as well as the faculty and community who make our university unique. Hundreds of volunteer instructors offer a wealth of learning opportunities in Davis, across Northern California and online.

Keeping the Future Bright for Seniors

OLLI at UC Davis is a nonprofit program underwritten by an endowment from The Bernard Osher Foundation. Because of our commitment to keep courses affordable, our fees cover only a fraction of our operating costs. With only two paid staff members, we are powered by extraordinary volunteers including professors, instructors, classroom assistants, and our advisory and curriculum committees.

Your investment will help us continue to develop and offer high-quality programs at prices affordable to retirees on fixed incomes.

We envision new courses that expand our reach at home and around the world, adding destinations from Tahoe and Yosemite to Sicily and Morocco.

To reach more seniors for whom leaving home is a challenge, we plan to expand our streaming



capacity. Our online courses allow for continued live interaction with instructors and classmates—a vital connection for many.

Your generosity can provide connection, community and engagement that are so critical to healthy and vibrant aging.



Giving Opportunities

Fund Scholarships

Your gift can open doors for more seniors to benefit from the OLLI experience.

Support New Courses and Adventures

Expand our programming as an investment in lifelong learning.

Expand Connectivity

Increase access to OLLI's virtual programs into the homes of more seniors with mobility challenges.

Include OLLI in your estate plan

Name OLLI as a beneficiary in your will or trust and leave a legacy of support for lifelong learners.