Are you interested in...

- finding an affordable room to rent?
- developing relationships with older Berkeley residents interested in hosting graduate students?
- helping Berkeley residents age in their community as long as possible?

What is the Berkeley Home Match Pilot?

The Berkeley Home Match Pilot is designed to help graduate students find housing and older adults in the Berkeley area “age in community”. What does this mean? Participating in the Berkeley Home Match Pilot means an older adult in Berkeley will host you in a spare room in their home for an affordable rental rate while you provide companionship. Homeowners can utilize the unused bedrooms in their homes to help alleviate the housing crisis for UC Berkeley students in addition to generating rental income. This is a great way to be more connected with your community, and help Berkeley residents not only age in their own home, but age in community.

How will the Berkeley Home Match Pilot work?

The UC Berkeley Retirement Office in partnership with Ashby Village (a non-profit organization in Berkeley dedicated to assisting seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible) will facilitate the process of matching six graduate student and homeowner pairs. The Berkeley Home Match Pilot is supported by the UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Community Partnership Fund and funding from Covia.

Interested? Get involved!

Join a group of UC Berkeley graduate students, UC retirees, and Ashby Village members who want to learn more about home sharing or renting a spare room in their home. We encourage you to explore whether this program could meet your housing needs.

Students with Home Matching experience said...

"It has been a great experience... I have had the opportunity to get to know about Berkeley’s history... sometimes we share pizza, lunch, or a glass of wine."

"They are quite flexible and understanding people. It’s an ideal situation for me as a graduate student."