

AVALON'S PROSPECTUS



There is a hunger for thought and creation in the world that existing institutions no longer fill. Brilliant minds wander without meaningful work; talented artists struggle without exposure; professors are burdened by overbearing administrations; capable students wither in rote and uninspired classes. The contemporary environments of intellectual and artistic formation are increasingly dysfunctional. The course of many lives depends on building new ones.

Avalon exists to draw these intellectual and artistic passions into the world: a home for fellowship, collaboration, and recognition. The world is full of people who would change each other's trajectories if they could find each other. Brought together in a place with institutional support, they can discover the work most worth doing and find the means to do it. This idea governs everything we do: the right surroundings change what outcomes are possible.

Environments that unite the open-ended pursuit of excellence with the drive to create have transformed cultures throughout history. The Royal Society birthed modern science; Shenzhen reinvented modern manufacturing; Bell Labs built the information age. This same dynamic made San Francisco the technological capital of America. We want to draw artists and philosophers out West the same way: by providing a culture that loves what they do, a place for passionate experimentation, and people who will go out on a limb to back them.

Since September 2024, Avalon House has become a center of gravity for art and thought in San Francisco. We've hosted salons, reading groups, seminars, ancient Greek plays, performances, and competitions; brought together scholars from around the world; and served as a base for allied projects. On the foundation of Avalon House, we are making the fellowships, tools, alliances, and forums necessary for a new cultural ecology.

We are building a home for a new generation of cultural ambition. We hope you'll join us.

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