

An illustration of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a teal shirt, pointing upwards with her right index finger. Above her hand is a glowing lightbulb icon. To the right is a large, dark purple speech bubble with a yellow sunburst icon in the top right corner. The background features abstract shapes and a yellow grid pattern with brown spots at the bottom right.

CREATING COMMUNITY FOR UNDERREPRESENTED ESCI STUDENTS

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HOW DID THIS START?

- Independent Study
- Help future underrepresented ESCI students create community and support that I didn't experience
- Round table student dinner
- Proposal rooted in the voices from underrepresented students
 - Lacking mentorship
 - Casual setting

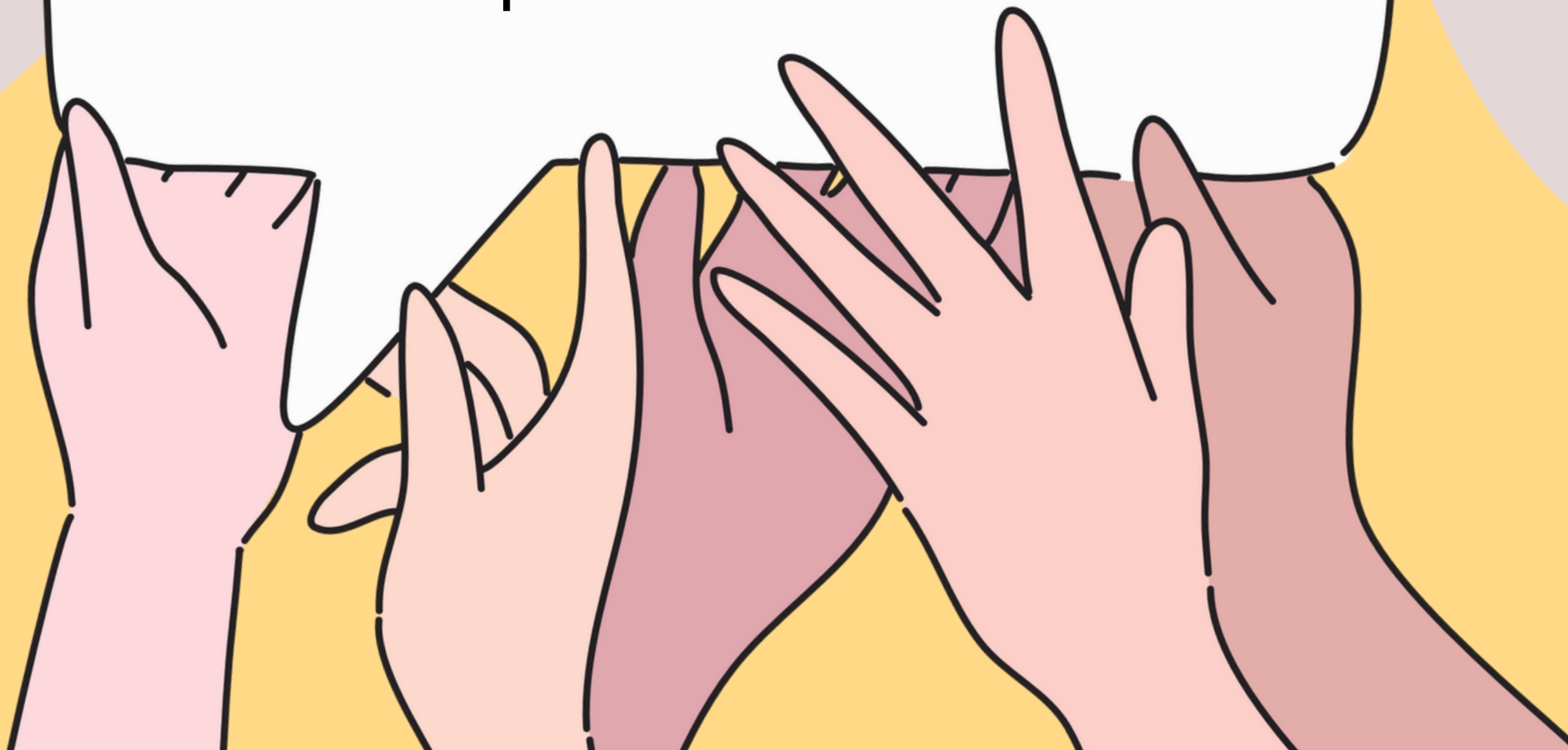
ROUND TABLE STUDENT DINNER

- successful event this quarter
- create connections with other peers
- sense of belonging
- building off of the first successful event



PURPOSE

support underrepresented students in ESCI by increasing community and connections between ESCI faculty and other underrepresented students.





WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

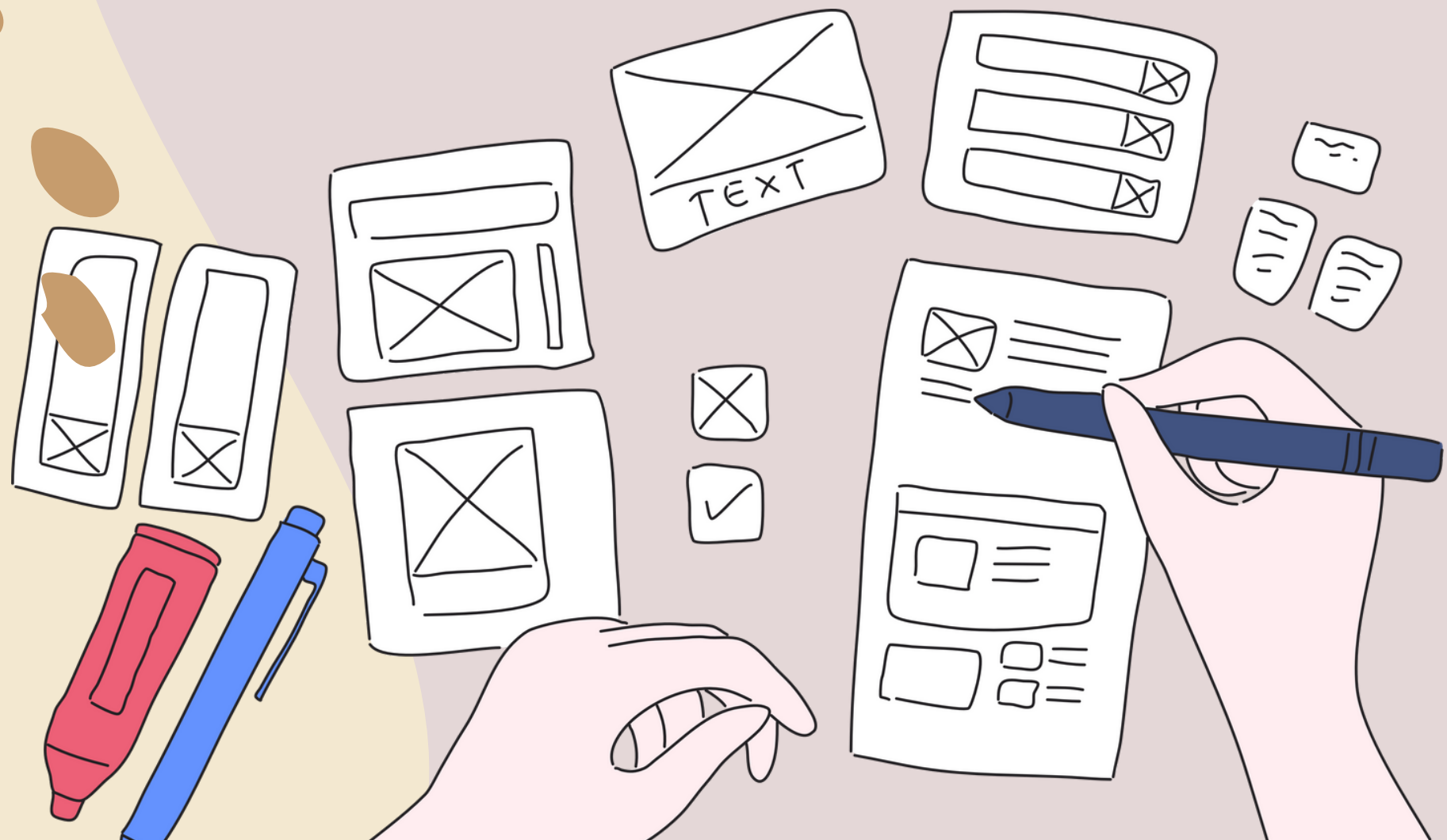
- Need for community
 - Little interactions with ESCI faculty until in the major
- Event that is wanted
- Help increase diversity
- Potential legacy for an increase in community and diversity



GOALS

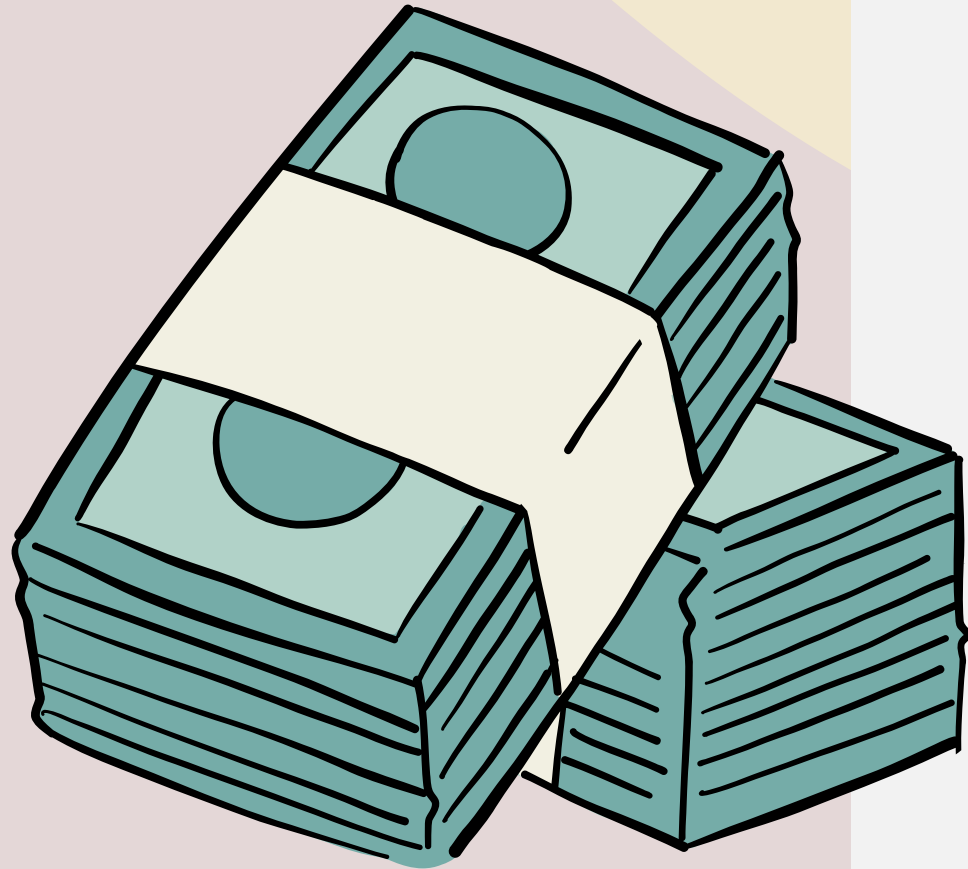
The goals and desired outcome of this project are:

- Creating connections with faculty and *increasing the opportunities of mentorship*
- Helping to decrease stress of an *anxiety of meeting with faculty 1-on-1*
- Facilitating and creating a reliable space where underrepresented students can create community with peers and faculty
- Increasing faculty's awareness for how to best support underrepresented students



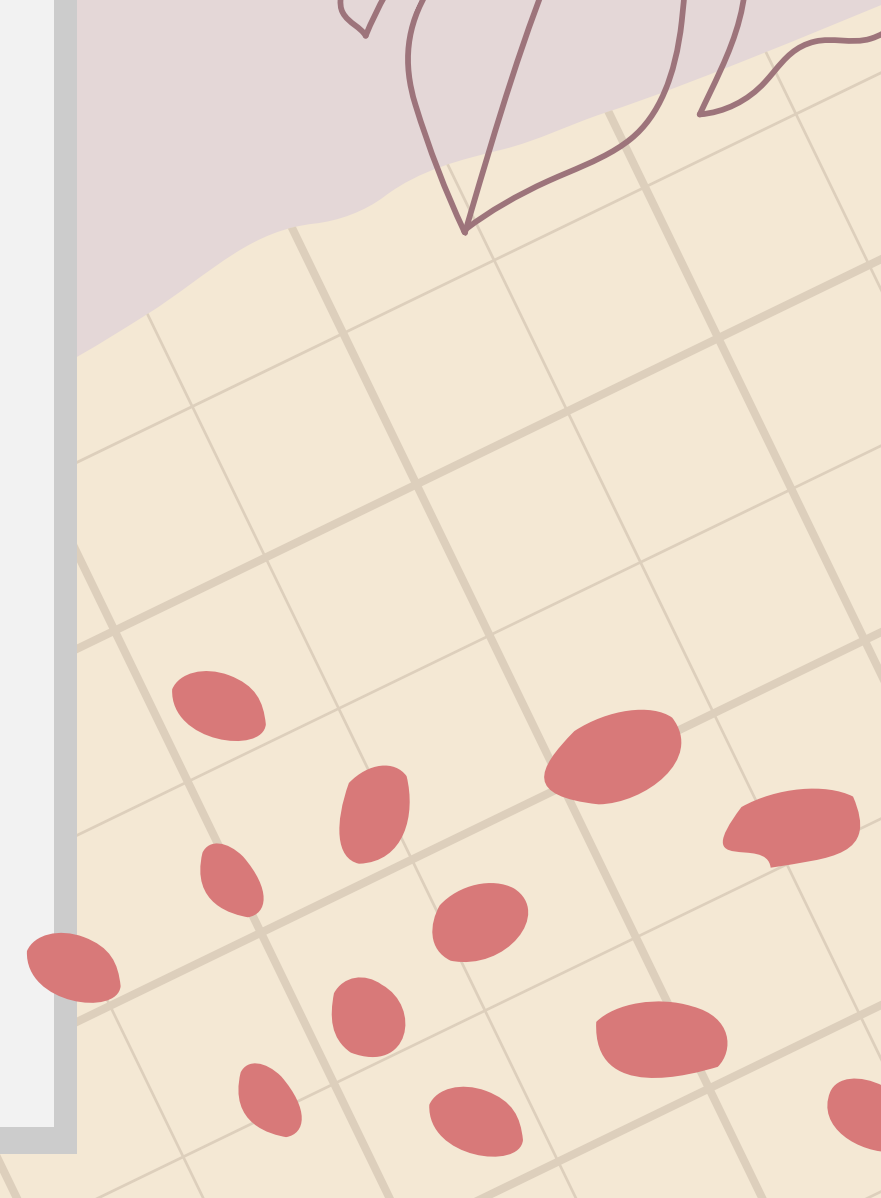
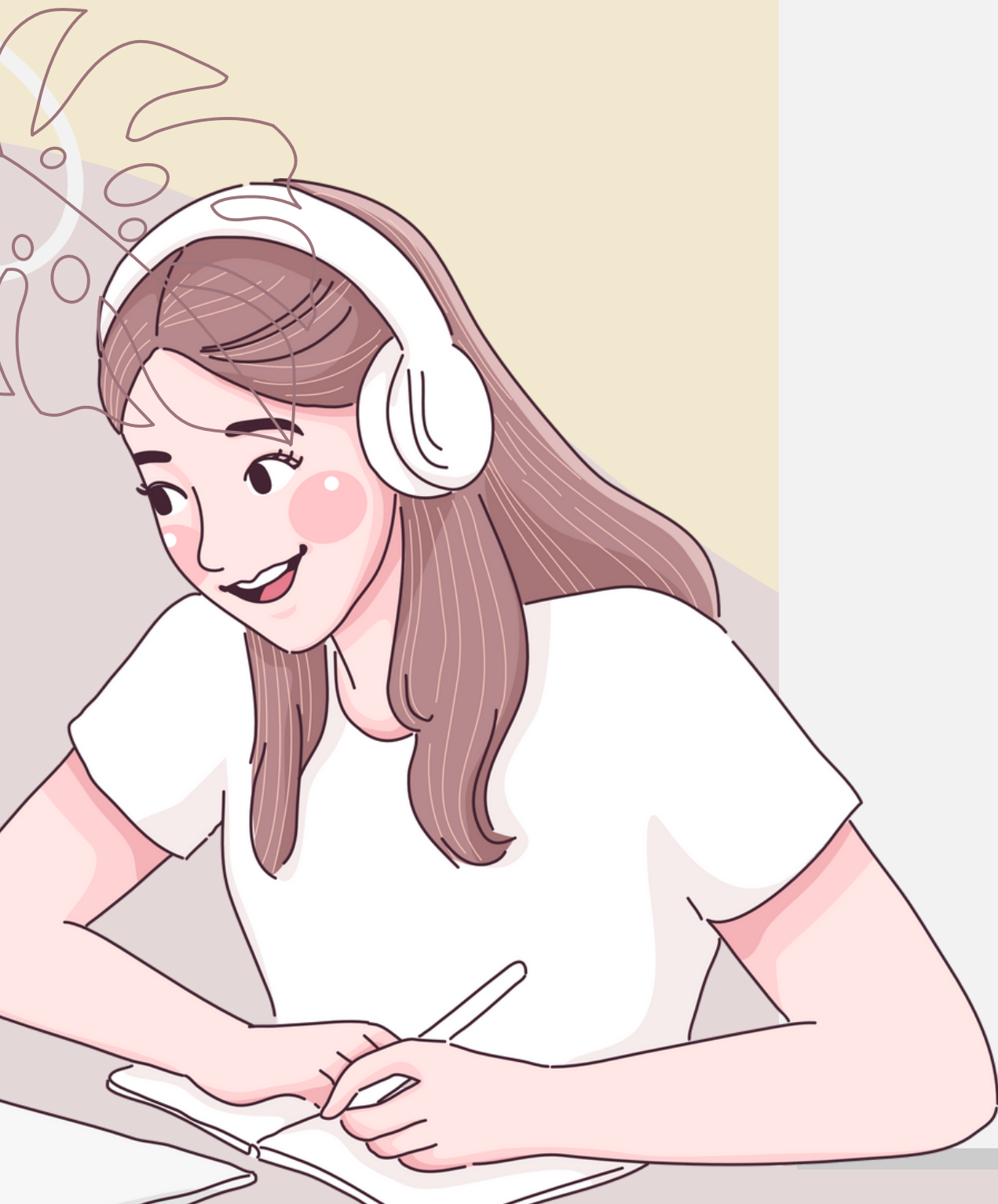
BUDGET

- ***\$20,897.50 for the next 3 years***
 - dinner
 - guest speakers
 - entertainment
 - paid student staff



TIMELINE

- March
 - Outreach
 - Reserving the space
- April
 - RSVP for faculty
- May
 - Planning Catering
 - Event May ~10th
- July
 - Hiring paid staff in July
- September
 - training for student staff

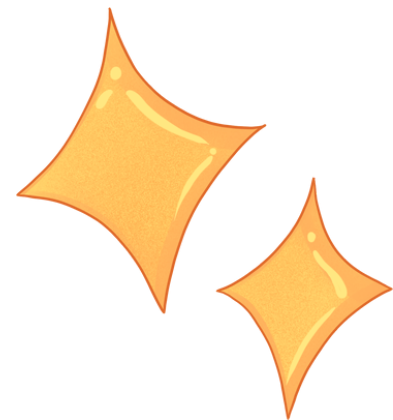


STUDENT EMPLOYEE

- Important factor the continuous success
- Planning and coordinating this event once a quarter
- Attend DEI committee meetings
- A better understanding of students perspectives

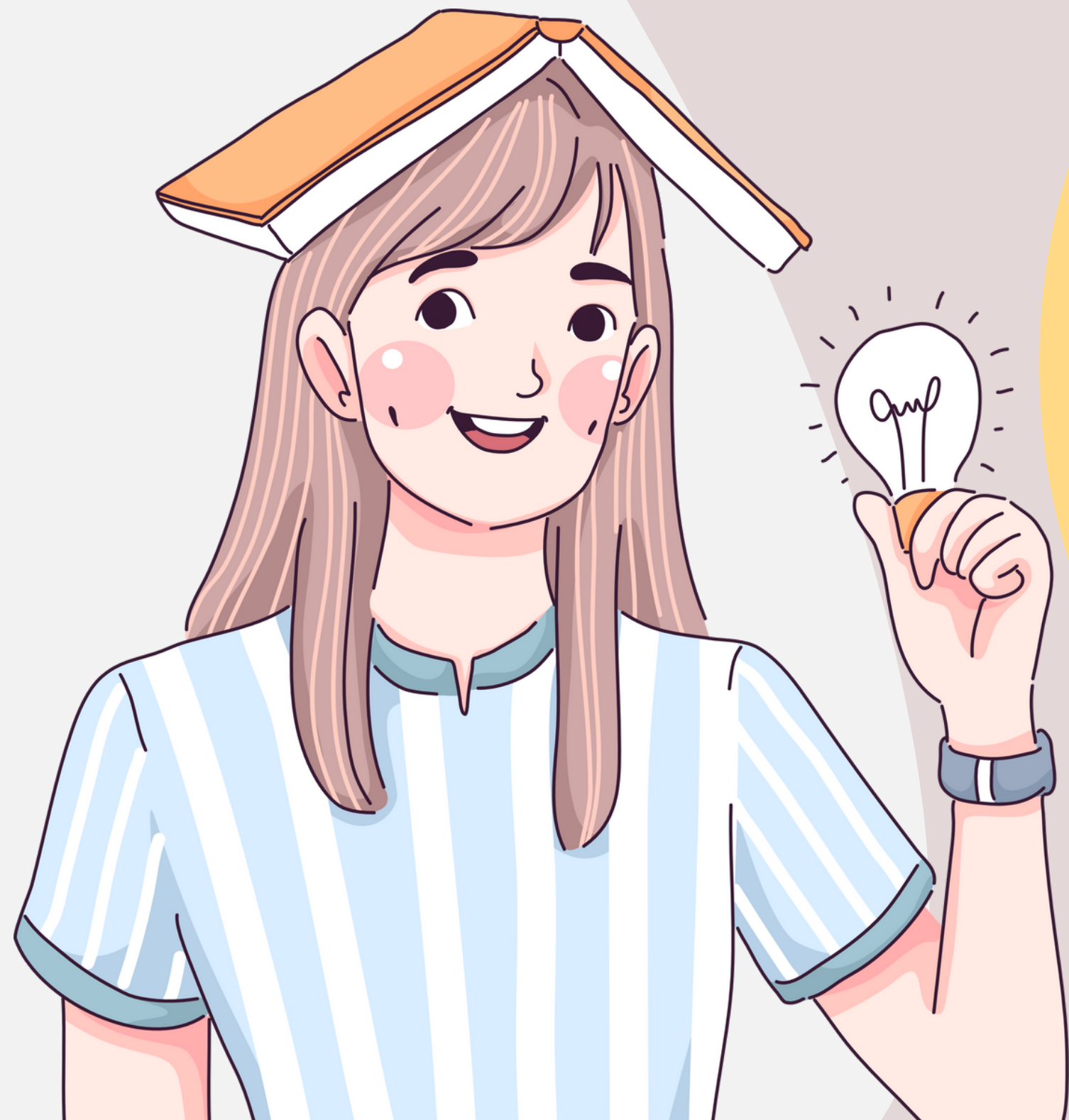


IS THERE SUPPORT?



Faculty support
DEI Committee
Chair of ESCI

Only \$500 dollars a
year allocated for all
DEI programming



WHY 3 YEARS?

- Pilot project
 - a lot can change
- Ideally
 - reach ESCI pre-majors
 - engage from the start
 - longer term funding

THANK YOU!

Questions?

