



The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College
The Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences

FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS TIP SHEET

Who can apply?

Any first-year Dartmouth student who has...

- Completed Public Policy 5
- Completed a statistical methods course or tested out of the Dartmouth requirement through an AP test.
- Participated in all six sessions of the Dartmouth Leadership Attitudes and Behaviors program.
- Applicants must be available to attend all of the Civic Skills Training workshops on campus and the entire 5-day training in DC.
- Applicants must commit to work 30-40 hours per week for the entire 8-week fellowship in the summer after their first year.

Tips

- Plan ahead: get your recommendation started early!
- Only 20-25 first-year students are selected into the program.
- Consider searching for a summer internship after applying to First-Year Fellows in case you are not selected.
- Email Rockefeller First-Year Fellows with any questions or to set up an appointment this term.

To apply for First-Year Fellows, you must complete:

1. The online application form – <http://bit.ly/FirstYearFellows>
 - Include a 150-200 word personal bio. Sample bios can be found here: http://bit.ly/Rocky_Sample_Bio
 - Be prepared to include the URL to your LinkedIn public profile. Tips for creating one can be found here: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~csrc/docs/linkedin_howto.pdf
 - Be prepared to answer the following:
 - In 250-500 words, discuss a specific problem on campus, in your local community, in the U.S., or in the international community that you feel passionately about. What do you think should be done in tackling this problem?

- In 250-500 words, what does it mean to be a leader? Describe some specific examples in your academic or co-curricular history that you believe exemplify the qualities a leader should possess.
- In 250-500 words, since arriving at Dartmouth, how has your perception changed about yourself, your relationships to others around you, and your commitment to the Dartmouth community?

2. A current resume

- Save your resume as a PDF with your first and last name in the file name. You will be asked to upload this within the online application form. Click here for resume tips from the Center for Professional Development:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~csrc/workshops/resume/player.html>

3. An unofficial transcript

- You can download a copy of your most current transcript from banner. Please make sure it is saved as a PDF with your first and last name in the file name. You will be asked to upload this within the online application form.
- Your winter term grades should be included on your transcript.

4. One recommendation from a Dartmouth professor or administrator

- ASK your professor if they would be willing to recommend you: don't assume.
- Give your recommender the links to the recommendation and the recommendation handout (both found on the FYF webpage)
- You may not use Professor Shaiko, Elizabeth Celtrick, or Sadhana Hall as recommenders.

For more information, visit the First-Year Fellows webpage at:
<http://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/public-policy/first-year-fellows>

For questions, please email:
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