Through the First-Year Fellows program, the Rockefeller Center gives students the opportunity to engage in public policy early in their Dartmouth careers.

The First-Year Fellows program places rising sophomore students into summer policy internships in Washington, D.C. Working with Dartmouth alumni mentors, students gain valuable professional experience, live with their peers, and develop leadership, writing, and critical thinking skills. In 2020, the internships were completed remotely. Fellows were connected with their placements, mentors, and their cohort through online communities.

Three prerequisites are necessary before students can apply for the program. During the 2021 winter term, prospective FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS: PUBLIC POLICY IN ACTION

First-Year Fellows must take Public Policy 5: Introduction to Public Policy. Students must also complete a social science statistical methods course during any term of their first year and participate in the Dartmouth Leadership Attitudes and Behaviors program during winter term.

Program applications are available at the beginning of spring term, and selections are made during the last week of April. Prior to their eight-week internship, Fellows are equipped with all the tools to succeed professionally and get the most out of a public policy internship. Students participate in the Center’s rigorous Civic Skills Training both on campus and in Washington, D.C. This intensive program teaches public speaking, networking, project management, and much more.

Fellows are matched with Dartmouth alumni mentors who are involved in several segments of the training. Mentors provide Fellows advice about career paths, what to do in the nation’s capital, and how to prepare for life after graduation. From Capitol Hill to non-profits to federal agencies, Fellows encounter a diverse range of experiences and opportunities.

“There is simply no better experience at Dartmouth than the First-Year Fellows program. The opportunity to bond with a cohort of like-minded students while interning at a graduate student level fellowship is simply unparalleled. Not only have I developed concrete skills in matters relating to public policy, I have also made friendships that will last through Dartmouth and beyond.”

—Alex Rounaghi ’20, D.C. Superior Court, with alumni mentor Judge John Mott ’81.
The Public Policy Minor prepares students from all majors for careers in a variety of policy-related fields—from politics, policy analysis, and public service to journalism, law, entrepreneurship, advocacy, and work in the non-profit sector. In each course, you will learn to think critically, collaborate in teams, and put theory into practice in and out of the classroom, on and off campus.

Get started with Public Policy 5: Introduction to Public Policy offered during winter term. This introductory course is a gateway to the Public Policy Minor and exposes you to the fundamental building blocks of policymaking.

The experiential learning component of each public policy course offered at the Rockefeller Center prepares students to conduct policy research, work with policymakers, and effectively lead policy initiatives. Undergraduates who minor in public policy often describe it as the perfect way to better understand how policy affects all aspects of society—from urban development, international relations, and technological change to health care, education, the environment, and poverty.

**Dartmouth Leadership Attitudes and Behaviors**

“What I loved most about D-LAB was that it created a space to take a break from the bustle of Dartmouth and reflect on how I was approaching the various aspects of my daily life. It is not very often that you get to discuss your personal values and the values of the communities to which you belong with a group of random peers. From the beginning, we established norms for the group, creating a place of open dialogue and collaboration. Through our weekly discussions, the group became even closer and our facilitators continue to be valuable mentors.” – Julia Snodgrass ’21

**Public Programs**

“The Rockefeller Center brings in spectacular experts in their fields to demonstrate a real-world application of the material we learn in classes. Attending public programs allows me to continue my education outside of the classroom in a way I never thought possible. It is incredibly meaningful to have a continual source of excitement and learning on campus.” – Alexa Green ’19

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**THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE:**

**BROAD OPPORTUNITIES, SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATED**

The First-Year Experience – Engage with Rocky early and often! Here is your checklist for your first-year experience with The Rockefeller Center.

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For more information about all of our program offerings, visit rockefeller.dartmouth.edu
Welcome to the Rockefeller Center!

Our community is committed to the ideals of public service, civic engagement, and leadership. There is a place for students of all majors to find mentors, peers, and a collaborative learning environment. We encourage you to get involved early and stay involved throughout your Dartmouth Experience.

We have both curricular and co-curricular activities for everyone! As you have read here, we have a specially designed First-Year Fellows program for the Class of 2024. We are also the home to the Class of 1964 Policy Research Shop, a student-staffed, faculty-mentored research enterprise in which students conduct research at the request of New Hampshire and Vermont state, county, and local government officials. The Center offers leadership programs intentionally designed to develop the capacity of every student to lead while on campus and beyond Dartmouth. You can also plan a leave-term internship and apply for funding through the Rockefeller Center.

We host many special events with speakers and student groups related to leadership and public service, civic engagement, and entrepreneurship and with visiting distinguished scholars, prominent policymakers, and political figures. Students, faculty, and staff create this vibrant place we call “Rocky” and we look forward to welcoming you to our community.
FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS PROGRAM
Learning & Living Public Policy
- PBPL 5 Introduction to Public Policy (winter)
- Dartmouth Leadership Attitudes and Behaviors (winter)
- STATISTICS or METHODS PREREQUISITE in any social science department (fall, winter, or spring)
- CIVIC SKILLS TRAINING (spring & summer)
- WASHINGTON, DC INTERNSHIP Unique placements working with Dartmouth alumni mentors (summer)

PUBLIC POLICY COURSES
- PBPL 5 Introduction to Public Policy (Required)
  Two policy methods classes, such as:
- PBPL 40 The Economics of Public Policymaking
- PBPL 41 Writing and Speaking Public Policy
- PBPL 42 Ethics and Public Policy
- PBPL 43 Social Entrepreneurship
- PBPL 45 Introduction to Public Policy Research
- PBPL 46 Policy Implementation
  Customized policy tracks in health, education, environment, leadership, poverty, law, urban issues, or a topic of your own design
- PBPL 85 Topics in Global Policy Leadership
- PBPL 91 Independent Study in Public Policy

ENGAGE
- First-Year Fellows • Rockefeller Public Events
- First-in-the-Nation NH Primary & General Election
- Mentoring Opportunities and Model UN

RESEARCH
- The Class of 1964 Policy Research Shop
- Dartmouth-Oxford Exchange at Keble College

TRAIN
- Leave-Term Internship Advising and Funding
- Public Policy Minor • Student Workshops

LEAD
- Dartmouth Leadership Attitudes and Behaviors
- Rockefeller Global Leadership Program
- Management and Leadership Development Program
- Rockefeller Leadership Fellows

YOUR GATEWAY TO PUBLIC POLICY
In your four years at Dartmouth, there are countless ways to engage with the Rockefeller Center. For some of you, this will start with First-Fellows. Others will start with public policy courses or leadership programming. Mix and match our tremendous curricular and co-curricular opportunities to create your own unique roadmap.

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Find out more about the Rockefeller Center’s programs at ROCKEFELLER.DARTMOUTH.EDU