



Nelson A. Rockefeller Center
for public policy and the social sciences

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CLASS OF 2027

FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS: PUBLIC POLICY IN ACTION

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 fellowships in Washington, D.C. Working with Dartmouth alumni mentors, students gain valuable professional experience, live with their peers, and develop leadership, professionalism, and critical thinking skills.

Three prerequisites are necessary before students can apply for the program. During the 2024 winter term, prospective 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 (D-LAB) program during winter term. Through these prerequisites, Fellows can build a strong foundation in leadership and public policy knowledge to best engage in their fellowships.

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 fellowship. 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 and supervisors who are involved in several segments of the training. Alumni mentors and organization supervisors 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. This allows fellows to engage and learn more about the varying impacts of Public Policy.



First-Year Fellows have an opportunity to meet with members of the U.S. Congress and other D.C. public officials during their fellowships.

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"I've gained confidence in being a professional leader and resilient change-maker, skills that I will surely use as I look forward to pursuing a career in law."

— Mei Xu '25



PUBLIC POLICY MINOR IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM; ON AND OFF CAMPUS

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 nonprofit 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.

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

ANY TERM	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete a social science statistical methods course (to apply for First-Year Fellows)	<input type="checkbox"/> Take Public Policy related courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Public Programs
FALL TERM	<input type="checkbox"/> Register for Dartmouth Leadership Attitudes and Behaviors (D-LAB)		
WINTER TERM	<input type="checkbox"/> Take Public Policy 5: Introduction to Public Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in D-LAB	
SPRING TERM	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply to First-Year Fellows (remember, you must take PBPL5, a statistics course, and D-LAB to apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for Internship Funding	

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

“I started going to these talks my first term on campus — and loved them so much, I took a job helping to plan them. One of the true joys of a Dartmouth education is the ability to attend events with visiting speakers who are at the top of their respective fields. The breadth and diversity of Rockefeller Center public programs mean that everyone, from every major and corner of campus, will find a fascinating speaker every term. See you at the next event!” –*Kyle Mullins '22*



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WHO WE ARE...



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 2027. 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.

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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)
- PBPL 10 "Statistical Analysis for Public Policy"
- PBPL 26 "Health Politics and Policy"
- PBPL 27 "Affirmative Action in Higher Education"
- PBPL 28 "Law, Courts, and Judges"
- PBPL 40 "The Economics of Public Policymaking"
- PBPL 41 "Writing and Speaking Public Policy"
- PBPL 42 "Ethics and Public Policy"
- PBPL 43 "Social Entrepreneurship"

RESEARCH

- The Class of 1964 Policy Research Shop
- Dartmouth-Oxford Exchange at Keble College
- Senior Honors Thesis Grants
- Student Mini-Grants

TRAIN

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

ENGAGE

- First-Year Fellows
- Rockefeller Public Events
- First-in-the-Nation NH Primary & General Election
- Mentoring Opportunities

LEAD

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

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