



## FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS TIP SHEET - 2026

### Prerequisites for Participation

Open to first-year Dartmouth students who have...

- Completed Public Policy 5 in the winter term
- Completed a research methods course (e.g. GOVT10, SOCY10, MATH10), tested out of this Dartmouth requirement through an AP test or similar testing out mechanism, or is enrolled for Spring
- Successful participation in all seven 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.

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

1. The online application form provided through Jotform. **Applications will be due March 22 by 11:59pm!**

- Include a 150 word personal bio.
- Be prepared to include the URL to your LinkedIn public profile.
- Be prepared to answer the following:
  - o In 250 words, discuss a specific issue 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 to address this issue?
  - o In 250 words, why do you want to participate in the First-Year Fellows program? What do you think you get out of participation in the program?
  - o In 250 words, since arriving at Dartmouth, how has your perception changed about yourself, your relationships to others, and your commitment to 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. For a resume guide from the Center for Career Design click here:  
<https://careerdesign.dartmouth.edu/resources/comprehensive-resume-guide/>

3. An unofficial transcript

- You can download a copy of your most recent transcript from Darthub. 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.

4. One Dartmouth professor or administrator reference

- ASK your professor if they would be willing to be a reference for you, don't assume.

### Tips

- Plan ahead: get your reference prepared early!
- Follow the Rocky Instagram and our newsletter for updates.
- Only 24 first-year students are selected into the program (there are many more qualified applicants than available spots).
- Search and apply for summer jobs and internships beyond First-Year Fellows as alternative plans.
- Email [Rockefeller.First.Year.Fellows@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Rockefeller.First.Year.Fellows@dartmouth.edu) with any questions or to set up an appointment this term.

**For more information, visit the First-Year Fellows webpage at:**

<https://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/leadership/first-year-fellows>

**For questions, please email:**

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### **2026 Program Timeline**

**Fall 2025-Winter 2026 Terms:** Applicants complete on-campus course prerequisites

**March 22, 2026, at 11:59pm:** Application deadline

**April 1-7, 2026:** Applicants are interviewed

**April 10, 2026:** Applicants notified of decision

**May 6-27, 2026:** On-campus Civic Skills Training (CST) (Every Wednesday)

**June 13, 2026:** Fellows arrive in Washington D.C.

**June 15-19, 2026:** Fellows attend Civic Skills Training in Washington, D.C.

**June 17, 2026** First-Year Fellows Reception

**June 22, 2026:** Fellows begin their 8-week placement

**August 14, 2026:** Fellows complete their 8-week placement

**August 15, 2026:** Fellows depart Washington, D.C.