

Students, College Administrators, Faculty, and Election Officials Working Together to Overcome Barriers to Student Voting

Fall 2024 Democracy Fellow Position Description

Campus Vote Project is seeking students who are passionate about democratic engagement, politically interested, and are self-starters to help peers register and vote and engage them in dialogue around democracy and voting rights legislation through a one-semester fellowship, with the potential for future semesters. Campus Vote Project is dedicated to helping students gain access to the ballot and increasing youth voter turnout. Fellows are an integral part of carrying out voter engagement and empowerment at institutions of higher education across the country.

As a fellow, you will have the opportunity to work with administrative and faculty partners. You will work with the on-campus team to complete the four planning steps of the <u>Students Learn Students Vote</u> <u>checklist</u>, created to build power and ensure success. You will also be responsible for meeting deadlines and carrying out nonpartisan voter engagement activities on your campus for an average of 10 hours per week. The Fall Fellowship will run from August 26, 2024 to December 6, 2024.

- Responsibilities and Goals each semester:
 - Participate in supporting a voter engagement plan on your campus, including meeting planning deadlines and being an active spokesperson.
 - Carry out voter registration and voter education activities on campus. This includes:
 - Informing your peers about registration and election deadlines
 - Providing nonpartisan information about issues and candidates on the ballot
 - Engaging students as voters and voter advocates for their peers
 - Complete timesheets and check-ins with campus partners and with CVP staff regarding voter engagement efforts.
 - Fellows will be required to do one-on-one check-ins with their CVP state coordinator, small group check-ins with their campus sponsor/administrator and CVP state coordinator, and state-wide check-ins with other Democracy Fellows and CVP state coordinator. Each takes place monthly and are at a maximum of one hour long.
 - Participate in leadership, skill-building, and historical-context discussion blocks, optional trainings, and webinars.
 - New Fellows will be required to attend a two hour orientation and returning Fellows will be required to complete an orientation refresher asynchronously on Moodle which reviews the requirements of being a Democracy Fellow, current voting rights issues and legislation, and equitable and inclusive campus organizing.
 - Attend an Additional Civic Education (ACE) virtual event that will explore the intersections of voting rights history and current topics.
 - Attend an Election Law training specific to Virginia.

- Attend two of the three one-hour Discussion Blocks, which review topics surrounding grassroots organizing and voting rights issues.
- Submit an evaluation survey of your work and the program.
- Attend a one-hour-long end-of-semester reflection meeting.
- In addition to these requirements, there are a number of optional training opportunities available to Fellows.
- Contribute to Campus Vote Project's social media and respond to media inquiries looking for student perspectives.
- Learn from professionals in the civic engagement space through a series of monthly panels.
- Opportunity to attend a Student Voter Summit in Virginia to learn new skills, discuss issues, and network with other students and organizations passionate about youth voter engagement.

CVP is proud to support the program by conducting regular check-ins with fellows, administrators, and faculty partners. CVP also produces student voting guides, voting information posters, and draft email, social media, and website content that can be used by fellows during the program.

Compensation:

- New Fellows will receive a \$700 stipend at the end of the semester. Fellows receive a stipend of \$900 every subsequent semester served as a Fellow.
- o Fellows should be prepared to spend 10 hours per week on the program during the spring and fall semesters.

Apply: To apply please complete our application form here:

https://fairelectionscenter.app.neoncrm.com/survey.jsp?surveyId=8&

Questions: Please direct any questions to Amber Wilt, Virginia State Coordinator for Campus Vote Project, <u>awilt@campusvoteproject.org</u>